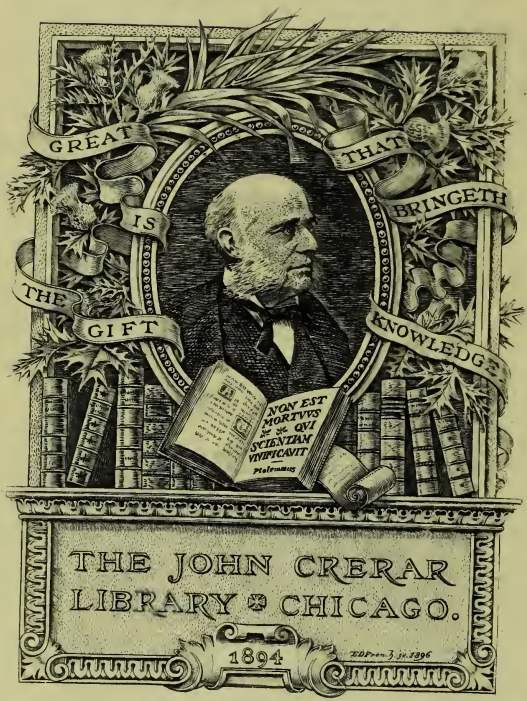

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

It gives your Committee great pleasure in presenting this, the First Annual Report of the Public Libraries of the Borough, to be able to state, that the results attained have more than realized their most sanguine anticipations.

The present seems to be an excellent opportunity for giving to the public a short resumé of the movement for the establishment of Public Libraries in Newcastle; together with a record of the labours of the Committee to whom you have entrusted the carrying out of the provisions of the Act of Parliament.

A RETROSPECT.

On July 12th, 1854, the late Dr. Newton (father of your present Chairman) moved in the Town Council—"That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety, and report upon the measures necessary for the formation of a Free Library." This motion was seconded by Mr. Alderman Ingledew, and carried by a majority of eight votes; a Committee was immediately appointed, but without practical results.

The honour of reviving the subject after many years had elapsed, is

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due, in a primary degree, to the Chairman of your Committee (Mr. Councillor Henry W. Newton), who moved, on February 2nd, 1870—"That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the working of the Public Libraries Act, and report upon the advisability of its adoption by this Council." This motion having been seconded by the late Mr. Councillor J. B. Falconar, and adopted, the Committee was reappointed in the November following. In December, 1871, this Committee presented a most exhaustive report, concluding as follows:—"Your Committee recommend that the Mayor be requested to convene a public meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Public Libraries Acts, with a view to their adoption in this Borough."

At a meeting of the Council in March in the following year, this report was discussed and adopted. On the 28th of May, 1872, a public meeting, presided over by the then Mayor (Mr. Alderson Gregson) was held in the Guildhall, Dr. Newton moving, and Dr. Rutherford seconding, "That this meeting, convened in accordance with the request of the Town Council, determines to adopt an Act for this Borough, for further promoting the establishment of Libraries and Museums; that his worship the Mayor, as Chairman of this meeting, cause a minute to be made of the foregoing resolution, and that he sign the same on behalf of the meeting, and present the same to the Town Council." An amendment having been moved, and upon being put to the meeting, 30 votes were recorded for it, as against 48 for the original motion. The Mayor having declared the motion carried, a poll was demanded by the opponents of the measure; but the Mayor, acting under the advice of the Town Clerk, ruled that the amended Act of Parliament made no provision for such a demand. A protest was then handed to the Chairman on behalf of the opponents of the measure.

At the monthly meeting of the Council held on June 5th, the Mayor, in reply to Dr. Newton, stated that he could not sign the minute legalising the adoption of the Acts, as a grave doubt existed as to the manner in which the meeting was conducted. After considerable discussion, Dr. Newton, on behalf of the supporters of the movement, undertook to give way, on the distinct understanding that an early opportunity would be afforded the town for the expression of its opinion. This was agreed to unanimously.

In February, 1874, a memorial was presented to Addison Potter, Esq., Mayor, who convened a town's meeting on March 2nd, under his own presidency, in the Town Hall. Dr. Newton moved, and Dr. Bruce seconded, a resolution in favour of the adoption of the Public Libraries

Acts, 1855, and the Amended Act of 1866. The motion having been met with an amendment, a vote was taken, when the Mayor declared the resolution carried by a large majority, and the Public Libraries Acts adopted in and for the Borough.

At the Council meeting on May 6th, 1874, Dr. Newton moved—"That the Public Libraries Act, 1855, and the Public Libraries Amendment Act, 1866, having been adopted for this Borough, a Committee be appointed to be called the Public Libraries Committee. At the following monthly meeting of the Council, such Committee was appointed, with Dr. Newton as Chairman. It consisted of the following gentlemen :—

The Mayor, Addison Potter, Esq.

Mr.	Alderman	I. Lowthian Bell.	Mr.	Councillor	Henry W. Newton.
,,	,,	Lockey Harle.	,,	,,	W. D. Stephens.
,,	Councillor	J. Angus.	,,	,,	W. H. Stephenson.
,,	,,	T. P. Barkas, F.G.S.	,,	,,	W. Stewart.
,,	,,	R. Cook.	,,	,,	J. G. Youll.
,,	,,	Jos. Cowen, M.P.	W. E. Adams, Esq.		
,,	,,	W. Daggett.	Rev. J. C. Bruce, LL.D., F.S.A.		
,,	,,	S. Dixon.	Rev. Canon Martin, M.A., Vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.		
,,	,,	J. B. Falconar.			
,,	,,	C. F. Hamond, M.P.	J. Jobson Pace. Esq.		
,,	,,	G. W. Hodge.	R. Spence Watson, Esq., F.R.G.S.		

The first difficulty which presented itself to the Committee after its appointment was connected with the obtaining of a site whereon to erect a building suitable to the requirements of the Borough.

Nothing was satisfactorily accomplished in this direction until September, 1878, when an agreement was entered into between the trustees of the Mechanics' Institute and the Public Libraries Committee, whereby the Mechanics' Building and Library were to be handed over to the Corporation on condition that the liabilities (amounting to £2,000) should be paid, and that the Art and Science Classes should be continued and extended, under the style and title of the "Educational Department, Mechanics' Institution Section of the Public Library," while nine members of the Committee of the Institute should be elected to serve on the Public Libraries Committee for a term of seven years. At the following meeting of the Council, however, a motion was submitted to rescind the terms of this agreement, but upon a vote being taken it was defeated by 29 votes to 12.

Immediately following this action, a further difficulty presented itself, as to carry out the design for the new building (prepared by Mr. Alfred M.

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Fowler, Borough Engineer) it was necessary to remove the Carliol or Weavers' Tower (erected about A.D. 1308), forming one of a chain of towers connecting the Town Wall. Several members of the Society of Antiquaries, and others interested in the preservation of local antiquities, commenced an active opposition to its removal, and after several petitions had been presented to the Council, a memorial was forwarded to the Lords of the Treasury, opposing the application of the Libraries Committee for borrowing powers to enable them to erect the new Institution, and requesting their Lordships to appoint a Commissioner to visit the town, and to hold a court of enquiry on the subject of the demolition of the Tower. This the Lords of the Treasury acceded to, sending down as their Commissioner Mr. E. J. Smith, who, after holding a public enquiry, on April 18th, 1879, made his report to their Lordships, who shortly afterwards advised the Town Council, that the application for borrowing powers be acceded to, and that they considered that the Carliol Tower was a purely local question; and that, after an enquiry on the spot by Mr. Smith, one of their Commissioners, their Lordships saw no ground for interference.

On Wednesday, February 4th, 1880, a contract was entered into with Mr. George Bailey for the erection of a new building, and its incorporation with the Mechanics' Institute, at a cost of £10,513 14s. 3d.; which, in consequence of delay caused by legal difficulties, was afterwards increased to £11,681 11s. 0d. On Monday, April 26th, a commencement was made with the work, and the Carliol Tower was removed by the 20th of May. It may be mentioned, in passing, that on its removal, to the great surprise of many persons, it was found to have been erected on the sand without any foundation whatever. During its demolition several objects of interest were discovered, amongst others, two cannon-balls, each measuring 5 inches in diameter, and weighing 22 pounds; both of these were found embedded 3 feet in the masonry, and from the course they had taken in their passage through the wall, it would appear as if they had been fired from a point now represented by the site of Strawberry House, St. James's Street. Three stones, marking different periods of the reconstruction and rebuilding of the edifice, were also discovered, bearing the following inscriptions:—

No. 1.—Built in the wall of the first floor and covered with plaster—"Thomas Moore, Robart Finlay, Stewards, 1682."

No. 2.—Found in the roof of a stone staircase, leading to the top or roof of the Tower, but which appeared to have been removed from some other part of the building to repair the staircase roof before

referred to—"This Tower was repaired at the charge of the Company of Weavers, Anno Domini, 1768. John Finlay, ——— Shapard."

No. 3.—"This Tower and Hall ware repaired, Anno Domini, 1821. John Pitt Scott, John ———, Stewards."

The new building was now rapidly proceeded with, and the Committee availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the opening of the temporary Lending Library on September 13th, 1880, to obtain the services of Mrs. Henry W. Newton (wife of their respected Chairman) to lay the foundation stone, when she was presented with a handsome silver trowel, bearing the following inscription :—"Presented to Mrs. Henry W. Newton to commemorate the laying by her of the Foundation Stone of the Public Libraries Building, in New Bridge Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, this 13th day of September, 1880. Richard Cail, Mayor ; W. D. Stephens, Sheriff; Alderman Potter, Chairman of the Building Committee ; G. Bailey, Contractor."

LIBRARIAN.

As soon as the difficulty of the site had been overcome, and the transfer of the Mechanics' Institution to the Corporation completed, the first duty of your Committee was the selection and appointment of a Librarian to the new Institution. It was generally felt that the work and management of Libraries established under the "Public Libraries Acts" was so different in character to that of proprietary, or voluntary Libraries, that it was essential, if possible, to secure the services of a Librarian with experience of the working of such Institutions. The Committee's choice fell upon Mr. W. J. Haggerston, Secretary and Librarian to the South Shields Public Libraries and Museum, who had not only acquired an experience of the administration of a Town's Library, but also had the advantage of having assisted in the founding and establishment of that Library from its commencement, as well as having obtained a knowledge of library work during five years' service as the assistant-librarian at the Library of the Literary and Philosophical Society of this town.

It is right that your Committee should take this opportunity to place on record the pleasing fact that a two-years' experience has amply justified their choice. In spite of constant and heavy private affliction Mr. Haggerston has been unremitting in diligent and assiduous attention to his duties. He has combined zeal with knowledge, and urbanity with firmness, and the excellent results attained are in no small measure due to his exertions.

The admirable Catalogue alone would go far to establish that in him we have obtained a thorough and efficient Librarian, one who understands his work thoroughly and carries it out completely.

LIBRARY OF THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTION.

This Library was variously estimated at its transfer, to consist of from 8,000 to 12,000 volumes, but the actual number after stock had been taken was ascertained to be only a little over 6,000, and the bulk of these were found to be so worn, or imperfect, or superseded by more recent editions, that after careful examination it was determined that only 2,002 volumes could be used in the new Library, and the whole of these had to be re-bound at an average cost of 1s. 7¼d. per volume.

SELECTION AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

After considering the Library requirements of so important a town as Newcastle-upon-Tyne, together with the long delay that had taken place after the adoption of the Acts, and that the ratepayers had contributed towards the support of the Library for some considerable time, your Committee were of opinion that the Lending Department at its opening, should consist of at least 20,000 volumes. This necessitated the selection and purchase of 18,000 additional volumes. To accomplish this object, and to prevent as far as possible unnecessary duplication, printed lists of the books retained from the Mechanics' Institution were forwarded to each member of the Committee, with a request that he would prepare lists of books in the several classes of the Library for the consideration of the Books Committee. Several members very kindly did so, and these lists, together with general lists supplied by the Librarian, were, after careful examination by your Committee, approved of for purchase at a cost of £3,500, or 3s. 10d. per volume, as estimated by the Librarian.

At this juncture, your Committee were fortunate enough to acquire 4,095 volumes of such works as were wanted, from the library of a private collector, near London, at an average cost of 3s. 6d. per volume, or 4d. less than the estimate. The lists were then reduced, and copies sent to the publishers and principal booksellers in London and the provinces, asking for quotations. On the return of the lists, the Committee having determined, as a general principle, to purchase no books unless they had previously inspected them, it was resolved to send the Librarian to the markets. As far as the local houses were concerned, he was accompanied

by at least two members of the Committee, and all books thus selected, were purchased subject to the approval of the Books Committee, to whom the general Committee had entrusted the work.

It is only fitting that it should be placed on record that during the acquisition of the major portion of the Library, Mr. Councillor Carse, Vice-Chairman of the Books Committee, very generously undertook to proceed to the markets with the Librarian, to aid in the purchase of the books. This he did at his own cost, and the Committee avail themselves of this opportunity of thanking him, on behalf of the public, for his voluntary services, by which a valuable collection of books was acquired at a considerable saving on the original estimate.

LIBRARY FURNITURE.

As the only portion of the Mechanics' Institute building available for Library purposes was the semi-circular room on the ground floor, arrangements were at once made to shelve it so as to find accommodation for 20,000 volumes, and at the same time so to design and fix the counters and issue desks so as to provide the means of serving 200 borrowers from the one room, books being issued to them at the rate of one per minute from each of the six issue desks. This has on several occasions been tested, for as many as 394 volumes have been issued between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock a.m.

The issue desks are so arranged on the counters as to place a section of the Library, representing 4,000 volumes (spread over the classes of literature into which the Library is divided) within three yards to the right or left of each assistant. By this means the borrower is enabled to go at once to the particular desk from which the book he requires is issued, and thus the time of the Library staff is saved, and each assistant made responsible for the safe keeping of his own department.

To effect the safe and rapid issue of books, the "Library Indicator" (the ingenious invention of Mr. John Elliot, of the Wolverhampton Public Library) has been adopted with great success. Each reader, by this system, is enabled at a glance to ascertain whether the book required is available or not, and the staff are saved the trouble of searching the shelves for books that are already in circulation. Ordinary book-keeping is by this method practically superseded, and yet so perfect has the system proved, that with an annual issue exceeding 300,000 volumes, only two have in any way miscarried.

The book-cases have been provided with Tonk's patent fittings, which are composed of punctured metal strips, and supplied with small metal

holders. By this arrangement the shelves can be graduated to within half an inch, and thus over the entire Library a large amount of shelf space is gained.

The front of each shelf has been supplied with a two-inch morocco slip, to prevent dust from falling on the tops of the books.

Across the front of each of the higher cases a brass rod has been fixed about three feet from the top ; to each of these a light hand-ladder is provided, supplied with double brass holders. By this means the fronts of the books are never in a disorderly condition, and the moment the ladders are done with they are placed out of the way by being suspended on the second, or lower set of hooks.

CATALOGUING.

After careful consideration, your Committee decided that the Catalogue of the Books contained in the Lending Library, should be prepared on the Alphabetical-Index system, which was, in their opinion, much to be preferred to the Classified or Numerical form. Great care was taken in its compilation, and the best evidence of its utility, is the fact, that already nearly 6,000 copies have been disposed of, together with 1,900 of the Juvenile Catalogues, prepared on the same lines. The merits of the Catalogues, from a Bibliographical stand-point, have been testified to by the principal magazines and newspapers of the country. Amongst others, favourable reviews have appeared in the following:—"Chambers's Journal," "Nature," "Bookseller," "Publishers' Circular," "Library Journal," "Art Journal," "London Daily Chronicle," "Liverpool Courier," "Leeds Mercury," "Iron and Coal Trades Review," "Englishwoman's Review," etc., etc. Letters approving of the work have been received from the following publishers:—Messrs. Blackwood and Sons; A. and C. Black; W. and R. Chambers; Macmillan and Co.; Sampson Low and Co.; Sonnenschien and Allan; etc. Applications for copies of the Catalogues have also been received from the principal Libraries of Europe, America, India, and the Colonies.

GAS LIGHTING, WARMING, AND VENTILATION.

As the space in the present Lending Library was limited, it was found absolutely necessary to carry the shelving to a height of thirteen feet (much too high if it could have been avoided), and to obviate, as far as possible, any destruction to the books and binding, caused by gas fumes or heated air, the Committee determined to light the room by means of three sunlights of thirty-two jets each. From each sunlight ventilating

tubes are carried to the top of the building, and are so protected as to prevent any down draught. To light the inside of the counters, five of Benham's globe lights, each supplied with three burners, have been fixed, the globes being closed and supplied with tubes admitting cold air on one side, and carrying off the heated air on the other through the window.

Excellent light has been secured, and the temperature, after the gas had been lighted for several hours, has never exceeded 65° Fah. No appreciable injury has been noticed in the books least in demand, which have been placed on the higher shelves. Your Committee regret however, that many of the books on the lower shelves, more especially on the south wall and in the neighbourhood of the Librarian's office have, and still are suffering from damp. This matter is receiving careful attention at the hands of the Building Committee. and such arrangements are now being made, as will entirely remove the cause.

For warming purposes all fire-places have been replaced by hot-water pipes on the low pressure principle; these being carried around the building inside the counters, whereby an equal temperature has been obtained, and no annoyance has been caused by dirt or dust, which would undoubtedly have been the case had open fire-places been retained.

BINDING.

The binding and rebinding of books in every Library is a very serious matter, but more especially in a Library which is open to the general public. This fact being recognised, your Committee solicited tenders from the principal bookbinders in the town, stipulating that all books for the Lending Library (where practicable) should be sewn one sheet on, and provided with tight backs, so as to ensure strength and durability. The tenders of four houses were accepted, and the binding divided, so as to expedite the work. Buckram has been introduced as a binding material, and has given great satisfaction; it not only wears much better than cloth, but it has for durability and cost been found superior to either calf, roan, or skiver.

The better class books have been bound chiefly in Morocco, or Persian, both of which materials have proved excellent.

The work of binding has been done by the local houses both expeditiously and well, and, compared with the prices of London, Edinburgh and the provincial towns, at a great saving in price.

Whenever practicable, the books have been bought from the publishers in sheets, thus enabling the binders to have all the benefit of original

margins, and the Institution will reap the advantage in the future, of being able to rebind such books over and over again. Books bought in either boards or cloth, as a rule, are found to be so cut down as to prevent their being rebound oftener than once or twice afterwards.

INAUGURATION OF LENDING LIBRARY.

The Lending Library, consisting of 20,069 volumes, divided as follows:—Adult Library, 19,097 volumes; Juvenile Department, 972 volumes, was opened on Monday, September 13th, 1880, by Mr. Alderman Cowen, M.P.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Councillor Henry W. Newton (Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee), who was supported by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Durham; Albert Grey, Esq., M.P., South Northumberland; J. C. Stevenson, Esq., M.P., South Shields; Thos. Burt, Esq., M.P., Morpeth; Professor Leoni Levi; Robert Harrison, Esq., London; the Mayor of Sunderland; the Chairman of the Public Libraries of South Shields, and Tynemouth; Mr. Alderman Richardson, Jarrow; and several prominent Aldermen and Councillors of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the neighbouring Boroughs. The ceremony of inauguration was brought to a close, by Mr. Alderman Cowen's name being enrolled as the first borrower, to whose reader's ticket was entered, at his request, John Stuart Mill's Essay on "Liberty."

Immediately after the inauguration, the company adjourned to a special platform prepared in front of the new building (then in course of erection), when the foundation stone of the Central Department of the Public Libraries of the Borough of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was gracefully, but surely laid by Mrs. Henry W. Newton, to whom, for the purpose was presented the handsome silver trowel (previously referred to) by Mr. Alderman Potter, C.B., on behalf of the Building Committee, the chairmanship of which he had honourably held from its formation.

A banquet was held in the Assembly Rooms during the afternoon, at which 250 ladies and gentlemen were present, when, in addition to the noblemen and gentlemen previously referred to, the chairman was supported by Sir Charles Trevelyan, Bart., Wallington, and the Mayors of Morpeth and Jarrow.

In the evening a large public meeting was held in the Town Hall, presided over by Mr. Alderman Cowen, M.P., when speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered, by the Chairman; Professor Leoni Levi; Mr. J. W. Pease, Pendower; Professor Moore Ede; Mr. Councillor Scarr, Leeds; Mr. Robert Harrison, of the London Library; Mr. T. Burt, M.P.; and Mr. Councillor J. G. Youll.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

No books were issued during the first week, the time being occupied in the registration of readers, about 4,000 applications being made during that period.

The work of issue commenced on Monday, September 20th, 1880, and at the close of the week, it was found that 2,023 volumes had been issued, on an average 337 volumes per diem. This average has proved to be the lowest recorded, while the highest has reached 1,586 volumes. (For fuller particulars, see Table III., page 18.)

Taking into consideration the number of volumes in each class at the disposal of the readers, together with the gross issues in each class (see Tables II. and III., pages 17 and 18), your Committee are gratified to find the somewhat comparatively small percentage of the issues of works in prose fiction, as compared with the issues in that department in the principal Public Libraries of the country; while the issues of works of a solid and practical character show that these have largely been resorted to by readers.

The Juvenile Department has proved a source of great interest and usefulness; the demand for books has been enormous, and as the stock in this department was comparatively small, your Committee were somewhat reluctantly compelled to limit the issue of tickets to children of fourteen years of age and upwards. It is gratifying to know that many parents and others have practically given up the use of their own readers tickets, rather than disappoint the solicitations of the younger members of the community.

As the turn over in this department has reached 40·33 of the entire stock, your Committee were compelled, quite recently, to add to this section 506 volumes; and as the demand for books continues to increase, the Committee hopes upon the completion of the new building (when they will have a larger space and greater facilities at their disposal), to add sufficiently to the stock to enable them to reduce the age for ticket holders to twelve years at most, as they are convinced, not only from their own observations, but from the numerous and unsolicited testimonies of ministers, teachers, and parents, that the department is doing a great work towards the education of the youth of our town.

STOCK.

The entire stock at the opening consisted of 20,069 volumes, since which 3,907 volumes have been added. This total is divided as follows:—Adult Library, 22,498 volumes; Juvenile Department, 1,478 volumes. (For fuller information as to their acquisition and sub-division into classes, see Tables I. and II., page 17.)

ISSUES.

The gross issues for the year amount to 301,925 volumes, or a daily average of 1,065. This large issue is the more gratifying when it is taken into consideration that the number of two and three volume editions of works of fiction is, comparatively speaking, small.

(For a classification of the issues, reference may be made to Table III., page 18.)

TURN OVER.

The turn over, being the gross issues divided by the number of volumes in stock, has been 15·04 ; or, shown separately :—Adult Library, 13·75 ; Juvenile Department, 40·33.

READERS' TICKETS.

During the year 14,937 voucher forms, or applications for readers tickets, have been received. Of this number 13,929 are at present in use, divided as follows:—Burgesses, 4,376 ; Non-Burgesses, 9,553. 1,008 applications have been cancelled, either through informality in filling up, or by death, removal, or resignation of the parties to whom such tickets were granted.

Special attention may be here called to the fact, that the number of burgesses borrowing on their own responsibility is largely in excess of any other Library under the Act with which we are accquainted. The Birmingham Libraries may be cited as a striking illustration of this fact, the number of burgesses borrowing on their own guarantee in that town being as 1 to 29·43 of the non-burgess ticket holders ; while in Newcastle burgess ticket holders are as 1 to 2·18 of the non-burgess borrowers; thus showing that the ratepayers of the borough are not only content to become responsible for the poorer and younger members of the community, but, paying towards the support of the Library as they do, are determined to avail themselves of all the privileges to which they are entitled.

AVERAGE ISSUE TO BORROWERS.

The gross issues, divided by the number of tickets in use, show that each borrower has taken out on an average 21·67 volumes.

FINES.

It is with regret that the Committee have to announce that no less a sum than £119 3s. 1d. has been received for fines. This shows a very serious amount of indifference and carelessness on the part of borrowers, and your Committee would take this opportunity of urging upon readers the

necessity of returning their books (and especially works of fiction) within the time allowed by rule, as by this means the difficulty, which has been so often and persistently expressed, of obtaining books at the Public Library would be largely obviated, and the necessity, which has already been experienced by the Committee, of duplicating a large number of works chiefly in demand, would be lessened.

BOOKS DAMAGED.

The sum of £4 4s. 7d. has been received under this head, divided as follows :—Cost of books lost, or so seriously damaged as to require their replacement by new copies, which have been paid for by borrowers or or their guarantors, £2 13s. 6d., value of 15 volumes ; while £1 11s. 1d. has been levied for injuries to books of such a character, as not to require their immediate replacement.

Five volumes of the value of 17s. 6d. have during the same period been lost or damaged by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value.

RESULT OF STOCK-TAKING.

The whole of the books during the recent stock-taking were carefully checked over with the shelf registers, when it was found that, although the issue had been unprecedentally heavy, only two volumes were missing. The titles and cost of these works are as follows :—Adult Library, No. 7,173, Gosman's "Seven Days in London," 9d. ; Juvenile Department, No. 749, Mrs. Crowe's edition of " Uncle Tom's Cabin," 2s. 6d.

This result, your Committee think, reflects great credit upon the readers for the way in which they have used the Library, and practically demonstrates that the system of issue and check on borrowers, by means of the " Library Indicator " previously referred to, is the best method yet invented for the safe and rapid issue of books : the more so because not one single Assistant in the Library had ever worked the system until after their appointment here.

PRESENTATIONS.

Since the adoption of the Acts, 1,526 volumes, and 431 pamphlets have been presented to the Libraries. (For list of these see pages 29 to 36.)

The Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., Blagdon, has presented to the Institution a valuable collection of Marble Statuary, from the chisel of our North-country Sculptor, Mr. John Graham Lough, the subjects being as follows :—"The Archangel Michael subduing Satan ;" "Hamlet ;" " Macbeth ;" " Lady Macbeth ;" "Iago ;" and "Edgar."

A valuable marble bust of Mr. Alderman Gregson, subscribed for by his friends, has also been presented to the Institution. It is the work of

Mr. Gustav Pingel, a Danish sculptor, and bears the following inscription on a handsome pedestal :—"Alderman Thomas Lesslie Gregson, J.P., President, Newcastle Mechanics' Institution, incorporated with Public Libraries, 1879."

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

3,721 volumes and 1,027 pamphlets have been acquired for the Reference Library from time to time, at public sales, from private collections, and from booksellers' catalogues; together with a number which have been presented, and transferred to this department.

The new building not being ready for their reception, they have been temporarily stored in the Lecture Hall of the Educational Department, and in London.

The cost of those purchased amounts to £1,314 14s. 0d., or an average of 10s. 1d. per volume.

Your Committee are fully aware of the very great responsibility that rests upon them in the further selection and purchase of the books for this department of the Library. They are of opinion that it should contain the best editions of all standard works in the various branches of Science, Literature and Art, more especially the best local Histories, the principal works on Natural History, the more important topographical works, and the chief works on Antiquities. It should also contain complete sets of the transactions of the learned societies, more especially those devoted to the researches in this immediate neighbourhood, and the official publications of our own and foreign governments, and local bodies, and the great voluntary societies. The Committee are also anxious to keep steadily in view the desirability of collecting all books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, relating to Newcastle and the Northern Counties generally—whether they deal with the history, topography, natural history, dialects, folk-lore, or customs of the neighbourhood; together with a complete collection of the various editions of the works of local authors, such as Akenside, Bewick, Doubleday, etc., and all books and reports which bear upon the trade and manufactures of the Northern Coal-field, so that students may have at their disposal the material necessary to assist them in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the numerous industries which have made Tyneside famous over the entire globe.

THE NEW BUILDING.

The structure is in the Corinthian and Doric orders of architecture; the entire length is 167 feet ; the principal entrance is in the centre, and is approached by seven steps through a portico with Doric columns sup-

porting an entablature surrounded by a balustrade; the roof is semi-circular in shape, and the centre portion of the first-floor rooms is lighted by sky-lights through a panelled ceiling. The building is three stories in height. The basement floor, covering an area of 330 square yards, will provide accommodation for a large storage of parliamentary blue-books, patents of inventions, sets of newspapers, and other works of a character not likely to be much in demand; for a work-room in which the routine work of the Library will be performed, such as the checking-off of books by the invoices, marking, collating, stamping, and labelling the same, also repairing slight damages to books, and other work of a similar character. The hot-water apparatus, on the low-pressure principle, for the heating of the entire building, will also be provided for here. The ground-floor is approached from the principal hall, or vestibule, 43 feet long by 20 feet wide. On the left is a room 61 feet by 42 feet, which will form an addition to the present Lending Library, which measures 59 feet by 35 feet. On the right of the vestibule is the newsroom, measuring 70 feet by 49 feet, in which accommodation will be provided for a large number of readers, and which will be supplied with an excellent selection from the principal reviews and magazines of the day; together with the chief London and provincial weekly and daily newspapers.

The whole of the first floor, measuring 132 feet by 41 feet, will be devoted to the Reference Library, accommodation being provided for a large storage of volumes, with table space for a considerable number of readers.

The area of the site is 1,431 square yards, and the land and structural works are estimated to cost £20,000. The building is from the design of Mr. Alfred M. Fowler, C.E., Borough Engineer. The erection of the building has been carefully watched by Mr. Thomas Hall, Clerk of Works.

WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES.

It is only just to mention that while the General Committee approve of and order the details of the work of a Public Institution, the labours of the several Sub-Committees are necessary to the successful development of such schemes as may be submitted to their careful consideration, and your Committee would be lacking in their duty were they not to avail themselves of this opportunity of testifying to the zeal and ability which each of the Sub-Committees has brought to bear upon its labours, being materially assisted by their respected Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

The Books Committee has been presided over by Robert Spence Watson, Esq., F.R.G.S., ably seconded by Mr. Councillor Carse, as Vice-Chairman.

The Building Committee has had the advantage of the practical knowledge of its Chairman, Mr. Addison Potter, C.B., and the Vice-Chair has been occupied by Mr. Councillor Ralph Cook.

The Educational Committee has been fortunate in securing for its Chairman Mr. Alderman Gregson, J.P., for many years the respected President of the Mechanics' Institution, while he has been efficiently aided by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Robert Warden, whose long and uninterrupted connection with the Mechanics' Institution specially fitted him for so important a post.

The Finance Committee, in many respects the most important of all, has had the advantage of the fiscal abilities of Mr. Councillor William Smith as Chairman, who has been zealously aided by Mr. J. Jobson Pace.

It gives the Committee great pleasure in stating that the respected Committee Clerk to the Corporation (Mr. John H. Amos) has acted in a similar capacity to the Public Libraries Committee and its various Sub-Committees, and the manner in which he has conducted the correspondence of the Committee, together with the many and varied duties which have devolved upon him are deserving of great praise. He has been most zealous for the best interests of the Institution, and his advice has often proved of great value to the Committee.

In conclusion, your Committee, while congratulating the town upon the acquisition of a Public Library worthy of its ancient traditions and present commercial prosperity, and taking into consideration the enormous success which has been achieved under many disadvantages, look forward with trust and confidence to the development of the work of the Institution, when, on the completion of the new building, and with the other sections of the Institution in full working order, their real mission will have begun. But while being full of hope, and assured of that success which they have "endeavoured to deserve," your Committee cannot close their eyes to the fact, that with the limited amount at their disposal from the penny rate, many a development in the form of Branch Libraries, and in other directions, must remain for some time in abeyance, unless the income is supplemented from some other source; and being mindful of what has been done in the form of donations in money and books in other towns, notably Birmingham, Derby, Liverpool, and Manchester, they confidently appeal, not only to the public of Newcastle, but to the people of the Northern Counties generally, to assist them in their great educational mission.

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

September 30th, 1881.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of Volumes at Inauguration, Sept. 13th, 1880—		
From Mechanics' Institute Library	1,876	
By Gift	368	
By Purchase	17,825	
		20,069
Added on September 15th, 1881—		
By Gift	136	
By Purchase	3,771	
		3,907
Total number of volumes at this date		23,976
Volumes lost or injured by Borrowers, replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for...	17	
Volumes lost or injured by Borrowers, replaced by their Guarantors with other copies of equal value, or paid for	3	
Volumes worn out and replaced by the Committee ...	1	
Volumes rebound, at a cost of £149 18s. 3d. (average 1s. 4¾d.)	2,130	
Volumes lost, of which no trace can be found (cost 3s. 3d.)	2	

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

	Pamphlets.	Volumes.	
Volumes and Pamphlets acquired—			
From Mechanics' Institute Library	17	126	
By Gift	431	1,022	
By Purchase	579	2,573	
	1,027	3,721	
Pamphlets estimated at		50	
			3,771
			27,747

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN LENDING LIBRARY.

		At Inauguration.	Added Sept. 15, 1881.	TOTAL.
A	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	1,851	79	1,930
B	History, Biography, Voyages, Travels, and Geography	5,120	620	5,740
C	Science and Natural History	1,826	221	2,047
D	Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities	783	162	945
E	Jurisprudence, Politics, Commerce, and Statistics	640	96	736
F	Philology and Education	301	14	315
G	Poetry and the Drama	1,148	93	1,241
H	Prose Fiction	4,262	1,874	6,136
J	Miscellaneous Literature	3,166	242	3,408
K	Juvenile Literature	972	506	1,478
		20,069	3,907	23,976

TABLE III.

Showing the Monthly and annual Issues in each Class, the Number of Open Days, the daily Average Issues, the Total Issues, the Class Percentage, the Daily Average Issues, and Turn Over in each Class.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	Total Issues.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1880.													
September 20th to 30th ...	226	570	368	195	82	58	117	1,719	509	393	4,237	10	424
October	1,133	4,010	1,794	1,015	540	327	1,065	11,461	3,214	4,735	29,294	26	1,127
November	1,545	5,700	2,374	1,208	649	342	1,493	15,461	4,618	6,160	39,550	26	1,521
December	1,353	4,886	1,759	1,044	491	298	1,266	13,266	4,909	5,293	34,565	24½	1,411
1881.													
January	1,070	4,230	1,526	951	386	222	1,010	12,595	4,308	3,911	30,209	24	1,259
February	1,008	4,120	1,695	923	360	237	1,059	11,512	4,123	3,403	28,440	24	1,185
March	1,064	4,611	1,855	889	443	293	1,103	13,378	4,814	3,840	32,290	27	1,196
April	861	3,257	1,310	644	324	221	741	10,808	3,564	2,989	24,719	24	1,030
May	736	2,573	1,038	525	301	210	562	9,741	2,957	2,276	20,919	26	805
*June	88	264	127	54	29	30	66	1,669	298	322	2,947	8	368
*July	376	1,487	696	401	162	184	310	9,307	1,806	1,765	16,494	21	785
August	563	2,279	928	490	283	234	576	12,156	2,601	2,449	22,559	27	836
September 1st to 19th	361	1,520	666	310	187	115	471	8,669	1,735	1,668	15,702	16	981
Total Issue in each Class ...	10,384	39,507	16,136	8,649	4,237	2,771	9,839	131,742	39,456	39,204	301,925	283½	1,065
Class Percentage of Entire Issue	3·43	13·09	5·34	2·87	1·40	0·92	3·26	43·63	13·07	12·99	100·00	...	...
Daily Average in each Class ...	37	139	57	30	15	10	35	465	139	138	1,065	...	...
No. of Volumes in Stock ...	1,851	5,120	1,826	783	640	301	1,148	4,262	3,166	972	20,069	...	...
Turn Over	5·61	7·71	8·83	11·04	6·62	9·20	8·57	30·91	12·45	40·33	15·04	...	...

* The Library was closed from June 11th, to July 9th, for Stock-taking, and making the necessary alterations to connect the existing with the new Building.

TABLE IV.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve of the principal Public Libraries in Great Britain as compared with Newcastle.

No.	Name of City or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return, for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Annual Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Vulumes in Prose Fiction.	Annual Issues in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issues.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,425	2	10,014	43,285	436,415	10·08	*	323,907	*	74·22
2	Birmingham	1860	400,757	5	22,190	43,155	435,639	10·09	15,858	272,783	17·20	62·61
3	Manchester	1852	341,508	5	31,138	64,974	544,802	8·38	16,099	314,263	19·52	57·68
4	Leeds	1870	309,126	22	19,201	76,901	585,651	7·61	36,993†	408,645†	11·04†	69·77†
5	Sheffield	1856	284,410	4	13,291	58,972	356,340	6·04	14,110	231,721	16·42	65·02
6	Salford	1854	176,233	4	9,546	36,383	303,833	8·35	19,138	239,777	12·52	78·91
7	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	13,929	20,069	301,925	15·04	4,262	131,742	30·91	42·63
8	Dundee	1869	138,225	1	7,465	27,608	170,580	6·17	7,513	90,805	12·08	53·23
9	Leicester	1871	122,351	1	2,240	13,693	158,346	11·56	5,345	121,176	22·67	76·52
10	Bolton	1853	105,422	2	9,732	22,674	87,103	3·84	10,195	68,939	6·76	79·14
11	Preston	1879	96,532	1	5,225	8,949	85,111	9·51	2,185	58,389	26·72	68·60
12	Plymouth	1876	75,096	1	2,945	12,721	154,826	12·17	2,031	84,068	41·39	54·29
13	Swansea	1873	63.739	2	1,505	5,461	41,258	7·55	1,455	29,044	19·96	70·39

* This Information cannot be supplied. † Includes Poetry and the Drama, estimated about 3½ per cent.

TABLE V.—SHOWING THE TRADES AND PROFESSIONS OF READERS.

FEMALES.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Bible Reader...	1	
Billiard Room Keepers	2	
Book Binders		10
China and Glass Dealers	2	
Cooks and Confectioners		7
Cow Keepers	2	
Dairywomen		6
Domestic Servants		48
Dress and Mantle Makers... ...	19	148
Governesses	3	30
Hosiers	4	
House Keepers		40
Laundresses	1	3
Librarian	1	
Librarian, Assistant		1
Licensed Victuallers and Barmaids	2	2
Lodging House Keepers	3	
Machinists		20
Carried forward ...	40	315

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	40	315
Matrons		9
Milliners	5	41
Nurses	1	13
Professors of Music...		10
Pupil Teachers		.139
Registry Office Keepers	4	1
Restaurant Proprietors	2	
Saleswomen		47
Scholars		76
Schoolmistresses	13	41
Shopkeepers	6	
Telegraphists		12
Upholstresses		8
Waitresses		2
No Occupation stated	253	3124
	324	3838
Total	4162	

MALES.

Accountants...	61	59
Actuaries and Notaries	2	
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, and Land	273	130
Apprentices		81
Architects	15	37
Artists	13	25
Auctioneers	14	
Bakers and Confectioners... ...	32	13
Bankers	4	
Barristers	3	
Basket and Box Makers	12	1
Baths and Washhouses, Lessees of	3	
Bell Hanger	1	
Belt Makers...	3	2
Billiard Marker		1
Block and Mast Makers	1	1
Boat Maker	1	
Boiler Makers	19	
Book Binders	13	33
Booksellers and Stationers ...	27	53
Boot and Shoe Makers	60	48
Bottlers		2
Brass Finishers	16	40
Brass Founders	5	
Brewers	8	4
Bricklayers	15	14
Brick Makers		3
Brush Makers		22
Builders and Contractors	62	9
Butchers	55	38
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	69	110
Cabmen	1	1
Carried forward .	788	727

Brought forward ...	788	727
Cab Proprietors	2	
Caretakers	3	3
Carpet Planners	3	
Carrier	1	
Cartmen and Rolleymen	22	23
Cart Proprietors	2	
Cartwrights	1	3
Carvers and Gilders	12	12
Cashiers	31	12
Cattle Salesmen	2	
Cemetery Superintendent	1	
Chair Maker...	1	
Chapel Keeper	1	
Chemists, Analytical	5	3
Chemists and Druggists	46	52
China and Glass Dealers	4	
Clergymen and Ministers	27	32
Clerks and Book Keepers	301	1437
Coach Builders and Coach Painters	14	14
Coachmen and Grooms	5	6
Coal Fitters	6	3
Coffee-Mill Makers	2	
Coffee Roasters	3	
Collectors	5	5
Colliery Owners	4	
Commercial Travellers	83	44
Consuls	2	
Coopers	16	2
Cordwainers	2	4
Cork Cutters...	4	2
Dairymen and Farmers	6	3
Dentists	4	11
Carried forward ...	1409	2398

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	1409	2398
Dock Superintendent	1	
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons	28	9
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers ...	154	177
Draughtsmen	21	37
Drill Instructors	3	5
Drysalters	1	3
Dyers	6	6
Electricians	1	3
Elocutionist	1	
Engineers	94	174
Engineers, Civil	12	9
Engineers, Consulting	20	2
Engineers, Mining	13	9
Engine Drivers	7	
Enginemen	10	
Engravers and Embossers... ...	3	11
Errand Boys...		84
Farriers	2	4
File Cutter	1	
Firemen	8	9
Fishmongers and Fish Curers ...	4	
Fitters	75	136
Foremen	30	11
French Polishers	3	7
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	26	12
Furniture Brokers	2	
Furriers		4
Gardeners	3	12
Gas Inspectors	10	1
Glass Blowers and Cutters ...	2	5
Glass Painters and Stainers ...	4	9
Gold Beaters		2
Gold Smiths...	3	1
Grinders	1	3
Grocers and Provision Dealers ...	208	195
Hairdressers and Perfumers ...	12	24
Harbour Master's Assistant ...	1	
Hatters	14	10
Hawker	1	
Ice Dealer		1
Ink Maker	1	
Iron Founders	5	
Iron Master	1	
Ironmongers	22	51
Japanner	1	
Jewellers and Watchmakers ...	34	36
Joiners and Carpenters	144	161
Journalists and Reporters	15	23
Labourers	52	44
Lamp Makers	1	1
Last Maker	1	
Lathrender		1
Law Stationers	5	3
Law Students	2	15
Lead Worker	5	1
Leather Dressers		6
Librarians and Assistant Librarians	2	9
Licensed Victuallers and Barmen	49	32
Lithographers	7	16
Carried forward ...	2541	3772

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	2541	3772
Machinists	19	13
Managers	13	8
Manufacturers — Biscuit, Brick, Chemical, File, Iron, Leather, Manure, Soap, and Tobacco ...	52	8
Marble Polisher	1	
Marine Store Dealer	1	
Master Mariners	10	
Masons	42	30
Match Makers		3
Medical Students	1	30
Mercantile Marine Superintendent	1	
Merchants—Chemical, Coal, Glass, Iron, Leather, Timber, and Wine and Spirit	226	50
Messengers	7	15
Metal Brokers	2	
Millers	10	16
Miners	4	4
Mining Manager	1	
Mining Viewers		2
Moulders and Pattern Makers . .	46	45
Musicians	18	10
Nail Maker	1	
Naturalist	1	
Newspaper Despatchers	4	
Officers, Army	1	6
— Naval		1
— of H.M. Civil Service	1	
— of H.M. Customs	9	11
— of H.M. Excise		1
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	7	7
Opticians	4	8
Overseers	9	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, and Paperhangers	72	74
Paviours	1	1
Pawnbrokers...	21	11
Pensioners, Army and Navy ...	3	
Photographers	7	17
Picture Restorer	1	
Pilot	1	
Pipe Makers...		2
Plasterers	18	5
Platelayers	10	2
Plater	1	
Plumbers	40	66
Police Officers	11	21
Porters	18	27
Post-Office Officials...	4	31
Potatoe Merchants	9	
Potters	7	2
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	87	130
Professors of Dancing	1	2
Professors of Languages	2	3
Professors of Music...	8	5
Publishers	2	2
Pupil Teachers		115
Quarrymen	2	1
Carried forward ...	3358	4557

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	3358	4557
Quay Master, and Assistant do.	1	1
Railway Employees	24	27
Rate Collectors	3	4
Registrars	4	
Relieving Officers	3	
Restaurant Keepers	9	4
Rivetters	4	
Rope Makers	2	2
Saddlers	9	12
Sail Makers	3	2
Sailors	4	7
Salesmen	5	56
Sawyers	2	4
Scholars		219
School Board Clerk...	1	
School Board Inspector		1
School Board Officers	4	4
Schoolmasters	32	26
Sculptors and Stone Carvers ...	4	3
Secretaries	7	5
Ship Brokers	24	4
Ship Chandlers	4	
Ship Owners...	16	
Shipwrights	9	3
Shopkeepers	17	
Silver Smiths	7	1
Skinners	7	3
Slaters	8	4
Smiths	74	87
Soap Boiler		1
Soda Water Manufacturers ...	4	
Solicitors	43	20
Stock and Share Brokers	5	
Store and Time Keepers	11	17
Carried forward ...	3708	5074

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	3708	5074
Students		59
Surveyors	9	8
Tailors and Cutters...	89	92
Tanners and Curriers	21	13
Telegraphists	18	64
Theatre Lessee	1	
Ticket Writers		7
Timber Measurer	1	
Tobacconists	23	20
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	5	6
Tramway Manager and Inspector	1	1
Tripe Preparers	1	1
Trunk and Portmanteau Makers...	2	3
Turners	14	18
Umbrella Maker		1
Undertaker	1	
Vaccination Officer...	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	6	2
Waiters	4	8
Warder of H.M. Prisons	1	
Warehousemen	42	75
Watermen	7	2
Wharfingers...	3	2
Wheelwright	1	
Whip Maker		1
Wire Workers	8	15
Yeast Dealer	1	
No Occupation stated	84	243
Total Males	4052	5715
Total Females	324	3838
Total Males and Females ...	4376	9553
Total Number of Readers...	13929	

TABLE VI.—SHOWING THE AGES OF NON-BURGESS BORROWERS.

	Males.	Females.
From 14 to 20	3016	1397
From 21 to 30	1833	1323
From 31 to 40	518	555
From 41 to 50 ... ... - ...	182	251
From 51 to 60	73	93
From 61 to 73	52	53
Ages not stated	41	166
Total	5715	3838

P.S.—The ages of Burgess Borrowers not having been asked for, a Tabulated Statement cannot, therefore, be given.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE NUMBER OF TIMES PARTICULAR WORKS HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN EACH CLASS.

NOTE.—The issues in each case are counted in volumes, and not works, and, in some instances, such as Gladstone's Life, by Smith, the 4 vols. quoted show that the Library possesses 2 copies in 2 vols. each.

CLASS A.

THEOLOGY, MORAL AND MENTAL PHILOSOPHY.

Arnold's Sermons, 6 vols. 41
Bain's Mental and Moral Science 12
Baxter's Saints' Everlasting Rest, 2 vols. ... 20
Bede's Ecclesiastical History, 3 vols. ... 45
Butler's Analogy of Religion 15
Devey's Logic 8
Essays and Reviews 12
— — — Replies to 9
Foxe's Acts and Monuments of the Christian Church, 8 vols. 81
Farrar's Eternal Hope 18
Greg's Creed of Christendom, 2 vols. ... 16
Hamilton's Lectures on Metaphysics and Logic, 4 vols... 20
Henderson on the Prophets 14
Henry and Scott's Commentary, 6 vols. ... 54
Jevons' Elementary Logic 14
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason 4
Kingsley's Village Sermons 16
Liddon's University Sermons 8
Lightfoot on Colossians and Philemon ... 15
Locke on the Human Understanding ... 8
Maurice's Philosophy 17
Mill's Dissertations, 4 vols. 25
— Essay on Liberty, 2 vols. 46
— Logic, 2 vols. 14
Newman's Sermons, 8 vols. 51
Robertson's Sermons, 4 vols. 60
Spencer's Synthetic Philosophy, 8 vols. ... 43
Stewart and Tait's Unseen Universe ... 14
Strauss' Old Faith and the New 8
Ueberweg's History of Philosophy 10

CLASS B.

HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, VOYAGES AND TRAVELS, AND GEOGRAPHY.

Alison's History of Europe, 21 vols. 65
Baker's Albert N'Yanza 33
— Ismailia 20
Baker's Clouds in the East 30
Burton's History of Scotland, 9 vols. ... 148
Clarendon's History of the Rebellion, 6 vols. 22
Crowe's History of France 36
Dick's Life, by Smiles, 2 vols. 32
Disraeli's Life, by Hitchman, 2 vols. ... 22
Froude's English in Ireland, 3 vols.... ... 31
Gladstone's Life, by Smith, 4 vols. 60
Hume and Smollett's History of England, 2 vols. 30
Kembles, Lives of the, by Fitzgerald, 4 vols. 22
Kinglake's Crimean War, vols. 1–5 103
Livingstone's Last Journals, 4 vols. 34
Macaulay's History of England, 10 vols. ... 64
Marco Polo's Travels 12
McCarthy's History of Our Own Times, 2 vols. 26
Mazzini's Life, 2 vols. 26
Markham's Travels in Peru 18
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REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Educational work now being carried on by the Public Libraries' Committee, is that commenced by the Newcastle Mechanics' Institution in the year 1824, Mr. George Stephenson, the celebrated engineer, having been chairman of the first meeting called to consider the expediency of establishing such an educational medium. The first prospectus issued in that year contained the following:—"This Institution is intended to be an academy in which the different classes, by mutual instruction, or by the aid of masters, may prosecute the study of Mathematics, Chemistry, Drawing, etc., with their application to the useful arts; where practical lectures will be delivered, papers read, and conversations encouraged on various subjects. The utility of promoting such pursuits amongst this great mining, manufacturing, and maritime district is so obvious, that their skill will thereby be increased, their taste improved, their character exalted, and their happiness augmented." To this declaration, those who have followed in the promotion of these objects have been ever faithful, a succession of earnest men up to the present time being always ready to carry forward the good work. Amongst the eminent men associated with its early efforts were the Rev. Wm. Turner, M.A., an earnest and cordial supporter, who delivered the inaugural address; John Dobson, the architect; Thomas Bewick, the wood engraver; Thomas Doubleday; Sir John Fife; and Eneas Mackenzie, the historian of Newcastle. Later, we find William Lockey Harle; the late Dr. Newton; G. Crawshay; Sir W. G. Armstrong, C.B.; J. W. Carmichael, the artist; and others. In 1862, a great effort was made to acquire a more appropriate building, better adapted to the wants of the times than the one so long occupied in Blackett Street. This proved successful, greatly through the efforts of Somerset Beaumont, M.P.; Joseph Cowen; Adam Carse (who was hon. secretary); Alderman Gregson (who continued President till its incorporation with the Public Library); and many other earnest friends; the building now forming the educational section of the Public Library, being opened in 1868. Since that time the classes have been largely developed, and students anxious to acquire such technical and advanced education as was offered, largely increased, until now, with the greater facilities and encouragement from the Corporation, this department partakes more fully of the functions of an artizan college, in the number of students, and in the character of the education imparted.

The average number per session since the amalgamation has been 420, representing above 650 attendances per week in the various classes. This department is destined under the auspices of the Mayor and Corporation, and with still fuller development, to prove of incalculable benefit to the inhabitants, in imparting valuable instruction of the highest character at such fees as to place it within the reach of every one.

The report of results for the past session has shown most encouraging progress in a steady increase, both as regards the quality and extent of the work accomplished.

The teachers in Science and Art, the chief of whom is Mr. J. A. G. Ross, M.I.M.E., as also the Literary and Commercial Classes, have done their work to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. They are gentlemen of whose attainments any institution might be proud. For many years young men have been turned out of the classes equipped for, and many are now filling, good and responsible positions in life.

In the Science and Art Classes 160 students paid class fees to the amount of £73 16s. 6d., and 264 students in the Literary and Commercial Classes £93 7s. 9d., or a total of 424 students, many being entered in three and four subjects, paying in fees the sum of £167 4s. 3d. only. The Science and Art Classes earned a Government Grant of £128 4s. 6d. There is also locally contributed a sum of £25 towards a Government Exhibition of £50, which is yearly awarded to the most successful student in the classes, and which gives him free admission to any of the Government Science Schools, or Colleges, for a course of advanced instruction. This makes the income of the school in fees, grants, and contributions equal to £345 8s. 9d., no mean result when it is remembered that the fees are almost nominal.

The local Exhibition of £50 has this year been awarded to E. A. Whitehead, an apprentice of Messrs. R. & W. Hawthorn, who has entered on his studies at the Royal School of Mines, Jermyn Street, London.

The Science Classes included instruction in Practical, Plane and Solid Geometry; Machine Construction, and Mechanical Drawing; Building Construction; Mathematics; Theoretical and Applied Mechanics; Principles of Mining, Levelling and Surveying; Steam and the Steam Engine; Practical and Theoretical Chemistry, including Laboratory Practice; Metallurgy; Magnetism and Electricity; Acoustics, Light and Heat; and Physiography.

In connection with the "City and Guilds of London Institute" successful Technological Classes have been held in mechanical engineering and mine surveying.

This session the Science and Art Department have certified the classes

as a "Government School of Art." This is only done when the *whole* of the "Art subjects" are efficiently taught.

At the Government Examination in May, the works of seventy-seven of the students sent up in Science and Art passed creditably.

The "Literary and Commercial Department" includes classes in Latin; French; German; Shorthand; Music; English Grammar and Composition; Book-keeping; Writing and Arithmetic; there is also a Debating Class which is continued during the summer months as a "Field Club." During this last summer the members have had a number of pleasant and instructive Saturday afternoon outings.

The Committee find that the prizes awarded to the different classes promote a healthy stimulus, which is not only encouraging to the student, but also to the teachers.

Interesting features of the winter's course were the usual two competitions in Oratory under the "Thompson Bequest." The £5 offered in prizes always provoke good speeches, and invariably attract large audiences. This last winter the prize speeches were especially good.

In conclusion, the Committee have to acknowledge their indebtedness to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. K. Vinycomb, for much of the present success of the Educational Department of the Public Libraries. He ungrudgingly devotes a large amount of time and labour to promoting the success, and maintaining the efficiency of the educational work, and is entitled to the thanks, not only of this Committee but also of the whole community.

THOS. LESSLIE GREGSON,

October 8th, 1881. CHAIRMAN.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST, 1881.

W. SMITH,
CHAIRMAN.

Dr. PUBLIC LIBRARIES'

Aug 31, 1881.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	3,613	2	0
„ Balance to next year	3,842	3	1
	7,455	5	1
Loan outstanding as at 31st August, 1881 ... ... £10,000 0 0			

CAPITAL ACCOUNT. Cr.

Aug. 31, 1881.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By J. A. Bryson Salary (proportion)	68 9 9		
„ Clerk of Works and Draughtsmen, Salaries (proportion)	179 5 0		
„ Wages to Workmen	6 3 8		
		253 18 5	
„ G. Bailey, Contractor	6,621 8 0		
„ G. Pingel, Sculptor, Central Figures	80 0 0		
„ G. Burn, do. Models	61 1 0		
		6,762 9 0	
„ J. Elliot, Indicator Cabinets	66 17 2		
„ Chapman & Son, fixing Indicator Cabinets. and supplying and fixing Desks, Shelving, &c. ...	121 0 0		
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„ Bainbridge & Co., Cork Carpet	31 5 0		
„ J. A. Somerset, Umbrella Stands	2 17 0		
„ R. Thompson, Timepiece	4 0 0		
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„ Watson & Son, Lamps for Indicators	40 0 0		
„ Do. Gas Fittings	50 6 3		
„ G. Bailey, Ventilating old Building	15 9 9		
„ J. Thompson, Hardware	15 5 11		
„ W. Pearson, Timber...	1 10 11		
		408 12 0	
„ Boazman & Co. and others, Stationery, &c. ..	13 12 8		
„ A. M. Fowler, Expenses to Stanningly inspecting Iron Work for Roof of New Building ...	3 12 3		
„ Property Surveyor's Office Expenses (proportion)	11 12 3		
„ Sundries	1 8 6		
		30 5 8	
			7,455 5 1
			7,455 5 1

Dr. PUBLIC LIBRARIES'

Aug. 31, 1881.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amount of Rate collected of 1d. in the £ ...	...	2,803 19 0	
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,, Catalogues, &c., sold:—			
Catalogues at 1s. each	281 12 0		
Do. at 2d. each	15 13 0		
Vouchers	60 18 3		
Fines and Damages	108 9 6		
		466 12 9	
Carried forward	...	3,275 11 9	

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		394 0 7	
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Do. Commercial Classes	93 7 9		
		326 13 9	
			3,643 6 6
„ Balance from last year	...	...	4,545 6 10
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		115 7 5	
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H. T Hemy, Music Class	3 5 6		
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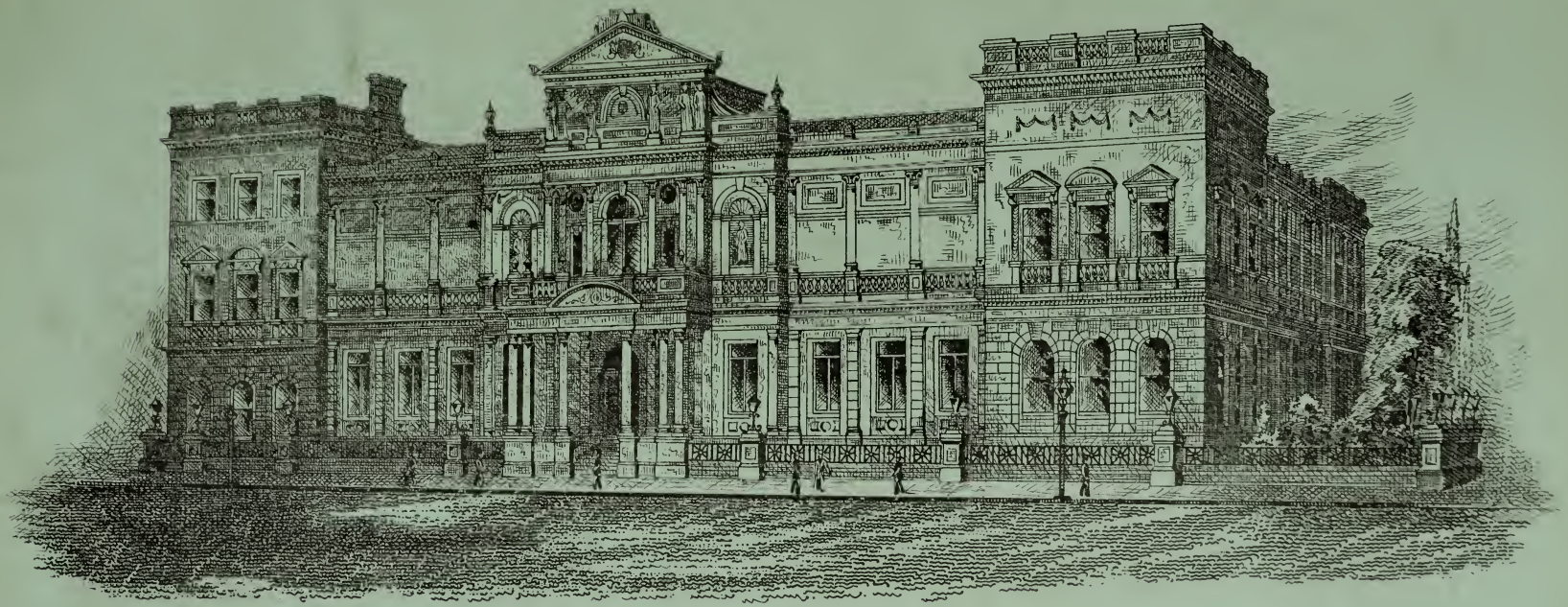

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City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, SHERIFF, AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

In presenting the Second Annual Report of the Public Libraries, your Committee are enabled to state that, notwithstanding many drawbacks, the success which has attended the establishment of Public Libraries in Newcastle-upon-Tyne has been of the most gratifying character.

The second year of the existence of most of the libraries in this country established under the "Public Libraries Acts" has been marked by a somewhat serious falling off in the number of volumes issued for home reading, and your Institution has proved no exception to this rule, the gross annual issues being 90,513 less than last year.

This decline your Committee think can be satisfactorily accounted for in the following manner. In the first place, the Library was closed to the public on 64½ working days during the year, chiefly for necessary alterations to the Old Library, and the transference of the books to the New Building, and thus 54,825 of the fewer books issued are accounted for,

taking the ordinary daily average issue of 850 volumes. Secondly, the circulation was materially hampered by the difficulty which has been experienced by readers—the number of whom has been steadily increasing—in obtaining books, in consequence of the small space at the disposal of the Committee in the temporary Lending Library. That this was a considerable factor is conclusively proved by the rapid increase in the circulation after the opening of the New Building on September 1st, 1882; for in the sixteen working days which intervened between that date and September 19th, the close of the library year, 16,280 volumes were issued, or an average of 1,017·5 daily, being 178 more than the average daily issues over the other part of the year.

Your Committee have to report a very considerable increase in the percentage of issues in class H—that of Prose Fiction. This, last year, amounted to 43·63 of the gross issues, being the lowest of any of the principal public libraries of the kingdom; but this year, the percentage has risen to 56·61, being an increase of nearly 13 per cent. This increase may in part be accounted for by the large addition to the stock in this section. Out of 5,210 volumes added to the Library in two years, no less than 2,414 belong to this class alone; and many of these works are in a three-volume form, the issue of each of which counts as three in the statistical return. On reference to Table V., page 21, it will be seen, however, that in comparing the issues in Prose Fiction in twelve of the chief public libraries in England, only one is lower than Newcastle, while eleven are higher; the lowest being Plymouth, 54·83, while the highest is Nottingham, with a percentage of 77·78.

THE NEW BUILDING.

The New Building was thrown open on Friday, September 1st, 1882, and has proved a great boon to the public.

The following description of the Building is condensed and revised from a report which appeared in the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* of September 1st, 1882:—

The new building has been erected from plans by Mr. Fowler, the late borough engineer of Newcastle. Previous to preparing these, Mr. Fowler visited many public libraries and art galleries throughout the kingdom, and the result of his observations is embodied in the very handsome structure to be opened this day. The design of the first storey of the front elevation is of the Doric, and that of the remaining two storeys of the Corinthian order of architecture. The centre portion of the building is 107 feet 6 inches in length, and as there is at each end of this bold projecting wings 30 feet wide, the total length of the exterior is 167 feet 6 inches. The principal

entrance, with seven steps, is placed in the centre, through a portico 30 feet long by 8 feet wide. This is ornamented with massive stone columns supporting an entablature from which springs a continuous row of balustrades running the entire length of the front. The spandrel panels of the door at the principal entrance bear groups of carved figures representative respectively of literature and engineering; while on the keystone between, a bust of George Stephenson is brought out in bold relief. The spandrel panels of the centre window above the entrance are also very beautifully carved, two groups being worked upon them emblematical of sculpture and painting, in the centre the familiar and rugged head of Father Tyne being very appropriately placed. The latter conception, it may be stated, is taken from an engraving published in Sir Wm. Chambers' work on architecture. Niches, which will no doubt be filled at some future time, are provided at each side of the spandrels, and in close proximity to these are busts of Admiral Lord Collingwood and Thomas Bewick. The idea of preserving the memories of local celebrities in this way was suggested, we believe, after the building was commenced, and it has so far been carried out in a very happy manner. The whole of the front is surmounted by a massive pediment, supported by six caratydes, in the centre of which a carved date-stone is placed. Mr. Burn, of this city, is the sculptor of the busts and carving work on the first and second storeys of the building, and Mr. Pingel, a well known sculptor, has executed splendidly the figures which attract so much attention at the top. The bays at each end of the building are furnished with a medallion cornice, surrounded by the balustrade, and the roof is semi-circular in form. Set back a little from the main thoroughfare, the public library is protected by a dwarf wall, surmounted by ornamental railings, with lamps placed at intervals. Containing in its construction the finest order of the Doric and the Corinthian styles of architecture, the building is classic in appearance. There is, in fact, a pleasing detail, an elegant ornamentation, and withal a substantial aspect about it well calculated to arrest the attention of all who pass New Bridge Street, and viewed only from the exterior the new public library is certainly one of the most handsome buildings now to be found in the City.

A brief outline of the internal arrangements and fittings may be added. The basement is provided with a work-room, in which books are received, checked off with the invoices, collated, stamped, and labelled, after which they are sent to their respective departments in the library. Books requiring rebinding are also dealt with here, so far as concerns their entry in the binder's book with the necessary instructions on their despatch, and the same are disposed of here on their return. Provision is also made for the library assistants having their food warmed when necessary. Throughout the entire building open fire-places have been dispensed with, and hot water pipes substituted for heating purposes. In the basement, which covers an area of 330 square yards, are two large boilers on an entirely new principle, and the pressure is so strong that almost any temperature may be obtained; at the same time they are so arranged that in the event of one breaking down the other will do the work. The floor is cemented, so that there is little danger of fire in that quarter. Passing through the handsome portico from the street into the main building, the visitor finds himself in a spacious and lofty vestibule, 43 feet long by 20 feet wide, at the end of which is a beautiful marble group, by Lough, of the Archangel Michael subduing Satan, the large work weighing, without the pedestal, six tons. For this and other pieces of statuary by the same eminent sculptor, the city is indebted to the generosity of their donor, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P. The vestibule is supported by pillars of elegant design, and is divided from the main doors by a handsome plate-glass screen, with floriated ornaments and the city arms in bold

relief, the entrance doors bearing designs of the old Castle, that at the left of the entrance being a representation of the Carliol Tower, which was removed to make way for the present structure. The floor of the vestibule is covered with mosaic pavement of elaborate design, worked in granite chips. To the right of the vestibule is the new-room, measuring 70 feet by 49 feet, which will be supplied with 29 daily newspapers, 50 weekly, 4 bi-weekly, 1 bi-monthly, 26 monthlies, and 11 quarterlies, exclusive of a very large number of papers and serial publications provided by publishers. Copies of the time tables of the whole of the railway companies and principal steamboat companies in Great Britain and Ireland, will be found on the tables in the reading-room. To the left of the vestibule is the new Lending Library, 61 feet long by 42 feet broad, and it is connected with the Mechanics' Institute portion, which has been used as a lending library for the last two years. It was originally intended that the Mechanics' Institute portion should be the Reference Library, but so successful has been the Lending Library during the two years that it has been opened, and the demands made upon it have been so enormous, that the committee felt themselves obliged to abandon their original design, and to throw that room as well as the new Lending Library into one. The new portion of the Lending Library is so arranged as to store 25,000 volumes. This is accomplished by carrying the wall cases on two sides of the room to a height of 13 feet, and by arranging separate double cases to form alcoves, projecting from the north and south walls. These are enclosed within a counter, which supports the library indicator. Five separate portions of the stock are placed within three feet of the right or left of the issue desks. The connection with the old Lending Library is effected by an elliptical arch cut through the main wall. The two rooms combined provide accommodation for at least 50,000 volumes. In the old room, to which there is a special entrance, the juvenile library is stored. In addition to the juvenile department, between 3,000 and 4,000 volumes of the publications of the Commissioners of Patents of Inventions will also be placed here. The alcove cases referred to are carried up to a height of only eight feet, to prevent the use of ladders, which are more or less objectionable. The wall cases are provided with brass rods and double hooked ladders, similar to those previously fixed in the old portion of the building. The lending library is lighted by means of nine sunlights. From each sunlight ventilating tubes are carried to the top of the building, and are so protected as to prevent any down draught. To light the inside of the counters eleven of Benham's globe lights, each supplied with three burners, have been fixed, the globes being closed and supplied with tubes admitting cold air on one side and carrying off the heated air on the other. Excellent light has been secured, and the temperature after the gas has been lighted for several hours has never exceeded sixty-five degrees of Fahrenheit. No appreciable injury has been noticed in the books least in demand which have been placed on the higher shelves. The windows have been specially designed in the interests of good ventilation, and air can be admitted or excluded to any degree by the simplest arrangements. The windows are designed upon the double principle of either opening full, so as to flush the building with fresh air or closing tight to exclude it, by a simple screw arrangement from the side; or when the windows are quite sealed a current of air may be admitted through a box which is fitted into the base of the windows. This can be so regulated as to prevent a draught at the same time that it admits of ventilation. Immediately to the left, upon entering the lending library, is the librarian's office, which is fitted with speaking tubes connected with the different departments of the building. The office has been shelved and is provided with every thing of a bibliographic character necessary in an institution of

the kind. A wide staircase leads to the reference library, which was at first intended as an Art Gallery. A large coloured glass window of geometrical design lights the staircase, in addition to a light from the roof. A statue of Edgar, by Lough, is placed on the landing. This landing is also intended to serve for conversational purposes, so that the comfort of readers in the reference library will in no way be interfered with. A table will be provided with writing materials and chairs. The reference library, which is 132 feet by 41 feet, is divided by an entablature supported by Corinthian columns, and is lighted on the south side. Four life-size figures in marble by Lough have been placed here, the gift of Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P. They represent Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Hamlet, and Iago. The shelving is carried to a height of eight feet only, so as to prevent the decay of books arising from excessive heat by gas and hot air, and at the same time to obviate the necessity of ladders. Instead of a handrail a counter will be placed round the room, to prevent the books being subject to unnecessary handling, and to make the assistants responsible for their proper care. In the centre of the floor of both sections of the room tables will be placed, which will be carefully padded and covered with billiard cloth, so as to prevent any damage or injury to the more costly bindings of the rarer works. Each table will be provided with a bell having a different tone, so that the assistants will know at once the particular table requiring attention. This room is connected by a door with the old library of the Mechanics' Institute, which is entirely devoted to educational purposes, including the classes connected with the Science and Art Department of South Kensington. At the east end of the reference library is the committee room, which will be specially shelved to provide accommodation for the large and rare works in the fine arts, natural history, science, &c., together with the ordnance survey plans. Arrangements will be made by which students and those interested in special subjects will have access to this room. American revolving bookcases will be provided, in which, when required, all the works in the reference library upon any special subject may be placed, so as to be within reach of the reader at will. Each bookcase will hold about 200 volumes of various sizes, and when wheeled to the side of the reader he has the advantage of a library specially devoted to the subject he may be investigating within his reach. These bookcases do away with the necessity of littering the table with books, as each volume can be easily replaced until it is further wanted. Notice of such a facility being required, as we have just described, must of course be given beforehand to the librarian, who will see that the necessary works are collected and put into the moveable cases accordingly. The room is excellently lighted from the roof by day, and at night it is illuminated by gas sunlights. Warned by the disastrous fire which took place in the Birmingham library a few years ago, the committee have taken special precautions against fire in the new building. Already they have provided three hydrants with hose and other appliances, three of Merryweather's patent small hose fire extinguishers, and twelve buckets, which are to be kept permanently filled with water. It is also arranged that the library staff shall be regularly drilled in fire brigade practice, so that in the event of an outbreak of fire measures may promptly be taken pending the arrival of the fire brigade. Lavatories are also placed in convenient portions of the building. The entire area of the site is 1,431 square yards, and the land and structural works are estimated to cost £22,000.

The erection has been carefully superintended throughout by Mr. Thomas Hall, clerk of the works, and the contractors have been as follows:—General contractor, Mr. G. Bailey; iron-work, including girders, roof, etc., Mr. J. A. Somerset; plastering, Mr. Thomas Wallace; plumbing, Mr. T. Redshaw; painting and glazing, Messrs. Adam Robertson and Son; sunlighting, Messrs. Henry Watson

and Son; heating and fire extinguishing apparatus, Messrs. Mather and Armstrong; lightning conductors, Mr. Massingham; hardware supply, Messrs. Cowell and Chapman (who are patentees of the spring hinges fitted on all the swing doors throughout the building); and the internal fittings have been supplied by Messrs. Sopwith and Co. and Messrs. Chapman and Son. Messrs. Bainbridge have supplied the carpeting, and Mr. John Elliot, Wolverhampton, the indicators. To the sub-committees the excellent work which has been so successfully carried through is mainly due, these committees having been materially assisted by the chairman, Dr. Newton, and the vice-chairman, Mr. Alderman Stewart. The Books Committee has been presided over by Mr. R. S. Watson, F.R.G.S., ably aided by Mr. Councillor Carse, as vice-chairman. Mr. Alderman Potter, C.B., deserves every credit for the part he has taken as chairman of the Building Committee, his efforts having greatly added to the value of the Institution. The chairman, Mr. Alderman Gregson, and vice-chairman, Mr. Robert Warden, of the Educational Committee, have also worked hard to promote the success of the Public Library, and the efforts of the various committees have been largely supplemented by the assistance and sound practical advice of the chief librarian, Mr. W. J. Haggerston.

The following is a leading Article which also appeared in the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* upon the same occasion: –

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To-day, the new building erected for the Newcastle Public Library will be formally opened. All but two years have elapsed since this institution began its work. The senior member for Newcastle presided over the inauguration of the Free Library Since the thirteenth of September, 1880, the staff of the library have discharged their duties under considerable disadvantages. Everything that admirable organisation could accomplish was done by Mr. Haggerston to minimise these disadvantages, but it was impossible they could be absolutely surmounted. It was, however, much better to suffer inconvenience than to keep Newcastle longer without the advantages which the library has conferred. The delay in carrying out the intentions of the committee rendered it important that when at length hostility ceased there should be no time lost in organising the institution. At one period it almost seemed as if its friends were about to be baffled. Even after the citizens had decided in favour of the library, a policy of procrastination was adopted which proved peculiarly tantalising. But for the resolution of Dr. Newton and kindred spirits we might still have been without this admirable adjunct to the city's educational resources. The success which has distinguished the library since its formation has happily silenced opposition. It has now been discovered that the evils which were supposed inseparable from such an institution existed only in imagination. The notion that the library would exercise a prejudicial influence on other educational agencies is disproved by facts. In proportion as the people learn to value literature, will they purchase books. Public libraries invariably prove powerful incentives to the creation of those private libraries without which the culture of the community remains incomplete.

In the new building everything has been done to secure the most approved arrangements. There is now accommodation for at least 60,000 volumes, and it is pleasant to note that the section of the institution devoted to the young has already become formidable. There are, moreover, some 5,000 volumes containing specifications of patents. The importance of easy access to these works can scarcely be overrated. There was a time when, in order to ascertain the facts in reference to any important invention that had been patented, a journey to London was necessary. In addition to the library, there is an admirable news-room, where the daily and weekly papers may

be conveniently consulted. Newcastle is thus about to reap all the advantages of an agitation begun more than thirty years ago. It was in the spring of 1849 that, on the motion of Mr. William Ewart, M.P., a select Committee of the House of Commons was appointed to inquire into the state of the public libraries of Great Britain and Ireland. Among the members of the committee—of which Mr. Ewart was chairman—were Lord Houghton and the late Lord Beaconsfield. The evidence given showed conclusively that in this matter Great Britain was behind the United States and the majority of Continental nations. North of the Tweed they had long before established itinerating libraries. The merit of this enterprise belongs to the late Samuel Brown, of Haddington. Books were formed in divisions of fifty volumes each. One of these divisions was stationed in a place for two years, and the books issued to all persons above twelve years of age willing to take care of them. After two years had expired the volumes were removed to another district and a fresh division sent. A constant succession of new books thus came to be introduced, and in this way the interest of readers was effectually sustained. Amongst a sparse population a large collection of books is not needed, and by the adoption of the itinerating plan the country might be supplied at a moderate cost. The first fruit of the Parliamentary Committee's labours was the Public Library Act, which provided for the establishment of libraries, museums, and picture galleries, in towns having a population of not less than 10,000. This measure has been taken advantage of by many of the leading cities of the kingdom, but it has not yet penetrated the smaller towns, and even in places with ten times the population to which the Act descends, there has been often an unaccountable delay in establishing libraries. It is difficult to conceive of a more short-sighted policy. But remembering the struggle of Newcastle, it would scarcely be decorous to dwell upon the misfortunes of less favoured districts. The Public Library is in point of fact a supplement to the public school. The Elementary Education Act of 1870 could not accomplish its work without the assistance of the Act which England owes to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. W. Ewart. Carlyle has somewhere said that the chief value of the University was to teach the use of books. In the olden time when Abelard and kindred scholars were propounding their philosophic speculations, students flocked to them from every corner of Christendom. All who desired to be taught required to repair to the living teacher. His ideas were not recorded in books, and had therefore to be learned from his lips. To-day, however, there is scarcely anything worthy of being known that is not almost immediately printed. Even now however the advantages of the University are not to be despised; but, with our public libraries, all who are sufficiently equipped educationally may instruct themselves.

We do not, indeed, wish it supposed that the path of learning can be pursued successfully without self-sacrifice. Those who would distinguish themselves intellectually must still as of old "scorn delights and live laborious days." The most perfect appliances may facilitate, but they can never become a substitute for self-devotion. Reading, Lord Bacon said, "makes a full man." But it is of vital importance to be discriminating in what is read. In everything that man does method is advantageous. The difference between a good and a bad workman is mainly the difference between good and bad methods. This which is true in every handicraft is scarcely less true of intellectual toil. There is a mode of using books which is hurtful rather than advantageous. The celebrated Robert Hall was once asked if he did not think an erudite man of his day clever. The great preacher replied with his usual promptitude in these terms: "It is quite possible that he may have been originally clever, but he has laid so many books on his head that his own brains cannot move." Literature had rather crushed than stimulated his understanding, and instead of kindling, had extinguished thought. That, however, is a peril to which it is not likely the mass of

our citizens will be exposed. To the multitude, knowledge never comes rich with the spoils of time. They are thus happily preserved from a life of lettered luxury. But after all is done there need not, and there should not, be any divorce between learning and working. Those who despair of mastering the countless volumes accumulated in our public libraries would do well to remember that the multiplication of books does not necessarily represent a corresponding multiplication of ideas. It is doubtless always interesting to con the latest utterances of a favourite author, but there is generally one book in which the sum of his teaching is concentrated. The student who carries method into his studies becomes alive to this fact, and if he has not leisure at command he concentrates his attention on select productions. It is gratifying to observe that our Newcastle Public Library is rich in historical works. An age in which political freedom is broadening should acquaint itself with the thought and action of the past. A community familiar with the story of Greece and Rome as unfolded by Grote and Mommsen understand contemporary politics in a way in which those ignorant of the history of antiquity can have no conception. There is another department in which this library also excels. The student who possesses aptitude for philosophic study may with its aid master the philosophic speculations of the greatest of the world's sages. It has indeed been said "he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." Shakspeare makes the most intellectual of all his characters also the most unhappy. But while it is quite true that culture does not always yield corresponding enjoyment, these words of the ancient sage, "Wisdom is better than riches," are as true to-day as when originally uttered. This adage is a justification of the Public Library.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

This section of the Institution has undoubtedly met a felt want in Newcastle, for on a perusal of the Tables on pages 22-24 it will be seen that, practically, every possible trade and profession of the district is represented on the roll of borrowers, and some in very large proportions; notably may be instanced among the fair sex, milliners, and dress and mantle-makers, of whom there are 297; while governesses, pupil teachers, and school-mistresses contribute 263. Of the male readers 1,848 are clerks; cabinet makers, carpenters, and joiners supply 536; engineers and fitters 497; agents 471; grocers and provision dealers 426; drapers 368; merchants 279; printers 233; school-masters and pupil teachers 191; while the professions contributed no less than 481. An interesting feature may also be noted in the fact that the male are more than double the number of the female ticket holders. On analysing the ages of the non-burgess readers it will be seen that the greater proportion are amongst the younger members of the community; for between the ages of 14 and 30 there are 8,279 out of a total of 10,685, whilst the remainder range between 31 and 73 years of age. It may also be interesting to notice that the males between the ages of 14 and 30 are in the ascendant, but between 30 and 73 the female readers preponderate. For the first time a careful analysis has been made of the number of readers residing in each ward in the city,

and upon reference to Table VIII., page 24, it will be seen that of the 11 wards Elswick is the highest with 4,058 readers; whilst the lowest is that of St. Nicholas' with 229.

When the funds at the disposal of the Committee will permit the establishment of branch libraries the information supplied by this Table will materially aid in the selection of the districts where such branches shall first be provided.

The stock in the lending department now amounts to 25,280 volumes, of which 5,210 have been added in the two years that the Library has been open. Of the total number 2,459 volumes were acquired from the library of the Mechanics' Institute, or by gift, while 22,821 have been purchased at a cost of £3,710 12s. 8d., or an average of 3s. 3d., which is 7d. per volume less than the original estimate.

The issues during the same period have amounted to 513,337 volumes, or an average of 964·91 daily. The books, as a rule, have been used carefully and returned in good condition, and where injury has been done by accident or otherwise, the volumes have been willingly paid for, or replaced by other copies of equal value. The sum of £9 5s. 11d. has been received in such payment, making a total of £13 10s. 6d. in two years.

The Committee still have to regret the difficulty which the Librarian experiences in securing the punctual return of books, more especially those of a popular character. The sum of £134 15s. 3d. has been received in the past year for fines on overdue books, and £253 18s. 4d. altogether from this source since the inauguration of the Library.

To the credit of the readers, and of the Library staff, the Committee are glad to be able to state that during the same period, only 7 volumes have been entirely lost. For cost and titles of these see page 19.

3,109 readers' tickets have been applied for during the year, making a total of 18,046 since the inauguration, and of this number 15,191 are on the books at this date. For trades and professions, sex, ages, and ward districts of the readers, see pages 22-24.

Since the opening of the Library 6,235 Catalogues, 2,302 Juvenile Catalogues, and 1,851 Finding-Lists of recent additions, have been sold. Your Committee have resolved to publish, early next year, supplementary catalogues both of the adult and juvenile libraries, thus bringing the printed catalogues of the entire collection up to date. These will be compiled on the lines of the original catalogue, every entry under author, title, subject, or cross reference, being in strict alphabetical sequence, your Committee being now assured that this form is that most appreciated by the readers.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

This department continues to provide the means of healthy mental recreation and study for the younger members of the population. Your Committee are glad now to be in a position to redeem the promise they made conditionally in last Report, and to reduce the limit of age for juvenile readers from 14 to 12 years. The number of volumes issued during the year has been 26,375, or 106 volumes daily. The stock amounts to 1,532 volumes, an addition of 560 having been made in two years. It is with much pleasure that the Committee learn from the Librarian, the valuable assistance which he has received in administering this section, from ministers of religion, school-masters and mistresses, Sunday school teachers, and parents, not only in the advice which they have given to the juvenile readers as to the books which they should obtain, but also by their calling his attention to the capabilities of many of the readers. By this means the Librarian has felt himself justified in franking the tickets of such children, so that they might be enabled to use the adult library also. The Committee have exercised very great care in the selection of books for this department, satisfied as they are, that when once a taste for healthy reading has been established among the children of to-day, a step will have been taken towards ensuring an improvement in the intelligence and moral status of the population in the future.

SPECIFICATIONS OF PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

For many years past the inhabitants of Newcastle and the surrounding districts have been in possession of a set of the publications of the Patent Office. These publications have been supplied by the Commissioners to the Corporation, "on condition that the works shall be rendered daily accessible to the public, for reference or for copying, *free* of all charge." As the Corporation had no library, or other suitable place where the works could be so consulted, the Committee of the Literary and Philosophical Society very generously gave up one of their rooms, in which the collection was housed and consulted, and your Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass without, on behalf of the public, thanking the Committee of that Institution for their kindness in this matter.

On the completion of the new building your Committee had the Patents removed, and they have been stored in the Old Lending Library, where they may be consulted by any person, whether a resident in Newcastle or otherwise, during the hours that the Libraries are open, namely, from 10 a.m. till 9 p.m. daily. Tables and chairs have been provided,

and every facility is now offered to persons wishing to consult these works. Your Committee regret, however, to say that on the transfer several volumes were found to be missing, and while the Commissioners are willing to do all they can to make up any deficiencies, your Committee earnestly beg that the persons in whose hands the missing volumes may be, will return them at once and so ensure to the town for all time a perfect set of these—to this district in particular—invaluable publications.

NEWS-ROOM.

This room is supplied with 31 Daily, 3 Bi-Weekly, 64 Weekly, and 4 Colonial Papers; while 2 Fortnightly, 53 Monthly, and 11 Quarterly Magazines and Reviews are to be found upon the Tables. The Time-Tables and Guides of the principal Railway and Steamboat Companies in Great Britain and Ireland, are also received regularly from their respective companies and have proved a source of usefulness to many persons.

The number of visits paid to this room during the 16 days prior to the close of the Library year, amounted to 28,877, or an average of 1,804 daily. Your Committee regret, however, that the room is much too small, the space on several occasions having not only been taxed to the uttermost, but hundreds of persons have been unable to obtain admission.

Several paragraphs and letters have appeared in the local journals complaining of the size of the room, and your Committee take this opportunity of stating that with the limit of a penny rate it will be impossible—for some years at least to come—to undertake anything in the shape of extension of the Library Buildings. They, however, intend removing a number of Scientific, Technical, and Trade Journals to the tables already provided in the Patent Library, and by this means to leave more space at the disposal of the readers in the News-Room. Your Committee are exceedingly sorry to announce that on several occasions copies of Magazines and Reviews have been stolen from this room and, in some instances, bought by booksellers in the Market Place, while others have been permanently damaged by the removal of plates and the cutting out of paragraphs. Your Committee have communicated with the police in the matter, and they would caution booksellers and others against purchasing such publications, and at the same time would ask the kind assistance of visitors in aiding the officials to discover the perpetrators of such wrong.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The handsome room on the first floor of the new building has been fitted up as a Reference Library, and will, it is hoped, be ready for the reception of books early in the spring.

The stock already acquired amounts to 6,821 volumes, exclusive of 3,182 volumes of Patents. It has been obtained as follows:—From the Library of the Mechanics' Institute, and by Gift, 1,550 volumes; and by purchase, 5,271, for which latter the sum of £2,752 8s. 9d. has been paid, giving an average of 10s. 5¼d., which is ¾d. per volume below original estimate.

Your Librarian has been engaged upon the preparation of Lists of Books in the several classes for some months past, and when completed each list is carefully collated by Mr. R. Spence Watson, F.R.G.S., Chairman of the Books Committee, and then through him they are submitted to eminent men in the various departments of Literature, Science, and Art. When these lists are completed a selection of the most necessary and important works contained therein—within the means at the disposal of the Committee—will be made, and then the purchase of those obtainable proceeded with. It is confidently expected that by this means the nucleus of a very valuable Library will be formed.

While this work has been in progress your Committee have not been idle. Very many valuable collections and books have been acquired, copies of some of which are only to be found in the National and other special Libraries. Among others, of which the best editions have been secured, may be specially mentioned the following:—

Class A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.—Anglo-Catholic Library; Bampton Lectures; Comte's System of Positive Polity; De Pressensé's Works; Fleury's Ecclesiastical History; Lewes' Philosophical Works; Ritter's Ancient Philosophy; Spencer's Philosophical Works; Stewart's Philosophical Works; together with the Works of the Puritan, and other English Divines.

Class B.—History, Biography, Voyages, Travels, and Geography.—Alison's Europe; Arnold's Rome; Barrow's Travels; Bruce's Travels; Campbell's Lives of the Chancellors and Justices; Chalmers' Biographical Dictionary; Cook's Voyages; English Chronicles; Harleian Miscellany; Marlborough's Despatches; Publications of the Palestine Exploration Fund; Rawlinson's Ancient Monarchies; Ritter's Geography of Palestine; Rose's Biographical Dictionary; Scoresby's Arctic Regions; Somers' Tracts; Thurloe's State Papers; Wellington's Despatches.

Class C.—Science and Natural History.—Albinus' Anatomy; Anderson's Practical Gardener; Ansted's Geology; Arnott's Physics; Burgh's Link Motion; Burgh's Marine Compound Engine; Burgh's Modern Marine Engine; Clark's Britannia and Conway Tubular Bridges; Clark's Manual of Rules, Tables, and Data for Engineers; Clark's

Railway Locomotives; Colburn's Locomotive Engineering; Curtis's Botanical Magazine; Donovan's Natural History; Fresenius' Chemical Analysis; Lockyer's Solar Physics; Macgillivray's British Birds; Moore's Nature Printed Ferns; Morris' British Birds, and Nests and Eggs of British Birds; Miller's Chemistry; Muspratt's Dictionary of Chemistry; Phillips' Metallurgy; Roebling's Railway Bridges; Russell's Naval Architecture; Sharpe and Dresser's History of the Birds of Europe; Simonin's Mines and Miners; Smeaton's Eddystone Lighthouse; Smeaton's Reports; Spon's Dictionary of Engineering; Statistique de la Belgique: Mines, Usines minéralurgiques, Machines a vapeur; Weale's Quarterly Papers; Weisbach's Mechanics of Engineering; Wilson and Bonaparte's American Ornithology; Yarrell's British Birds; Yarrell's British Fishes.

Class D.—Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.—Antiquarian Repertory; Audsley and Bowes' Keramic Art of Japan; Bewick's Works; Billing's Antiquities of Scotland; Bourne's History of Newcastle; Bruce's Bayeux Tapestry; Bruce's Lapidarium Septentrionale; Bruce's Roman Wall; Burney's History of Music; Camden's Britannia; Chaffer's Keramic Gallery; Corbridge's Plan of Newcastle, 1723; Crowe and Cavalcaselle's History of Painting; Description de l'Égypte, ou Recueil des Observations et des Recherches qui ont été faites en Egypte pendant l'Expédition de l'Armée Française, publié par les ordres de S.M. l'Empereur Napoléon le Grand; Domesday Book; Doré, Works Illustrated by; Dugdale's Monasticon; Fergusson's History of Architecture; Galleries of the Chief English and Foreign Schools of Painting, and Sculpture; Gibson's Monastery of Tynemouth; Grey's Chorographia: or, a Survey of Newcastle-upon-Tine, first Edition, Newcastle, 1649; Hawkins' History of Music; Hodgson's History of Northumberland; Humphrey's History of the Art of Printing; Hutchinson's History of Durham; Hutchinson's History of Northumberland; Jones's Alhambra; Lacroix's Mœurs, Usages, et Costumes; Les Arts; Vie Militaire, et Religieuse; Sciences et Lettres au Moyen Age, et à l'époque de la Renaissance; Lacroix's XVIIme et XVIIIme Siècle: Institutions, Usages, et Costumes; Lacroix's XVIIIme Siècle; Lettres, Sciences et Arts; Lodge's Portraits of Illustrious Personages; Mackenzie's History of Newcastle; Mackenzie's View of Northumberland; McLauchlan's Eastern Branch of the Watling Street; McLauchlan's Roman Wall; Meyrick and Skelton's Arms and Armour; Nash's Old English Mansions; Planché's Cyclopædia of Costume; Racinet's Le Costume Historique; Racinet's Polychromatic Ornament; Raine's History of North Durham; Roberts' Holy Land, Egypt, and Nubia; Roy's Military Antiquities; Ruskin's Works; Schoolcraft's North Ameri-

can Indians; Simpson and Kaye's Ancient and Modern India; Smith's Early English Costumes; Stothard's Monumental Effiges; Strutt's Dresses and Habits of the People of England; Surtees' History of Durham; Turner's Domestic Architecture of the Middle Ages; Waagen's Art Treasures of Great Britain.

Class E.—Jurisprudence, Politics, Commerce, and Statistics. —Anderson's History of Commerce; Austin's Jurisprudence; Burton's Criminal Trials of Scotland; Burke's Speeches; Fox's Speeches; Hansard's Parliamentary History and Debates; Howell's State Trials; Hunter's Statistical Account of Bengal; McCulloch's Dictionary of Commerce; Montesquieu's Works; Parliamentary Buff Books; Tooke on Prices.

Class F.—Philology, Education, and Bibliography.—Allibone's Dictionary of English and American Authors; British Museum Catalogues; Brockett's Glossary of North Country Words; Brunet's Manuel du Libraire; Burton's Book Hunter; Cramp's Philosophy of Language; Dibdin's Bibliomania; Dibdin's Northern Tour; Dictionaire de l'Académie Françoise; Dixon on Surnames; Hazlitt's Bibliographical Works; Laugieri's Dizionario di Marina e di Commercio Marittimo; Latham's English Language; Library Association of the United Kingdom, Transactions of the; Library Journal; Monboddo's Origin and Progress of Language; Parkhurst's Hebrew Lexicon; Raverty's Dictionary of the Afghan Language; Smith's Catalogue of Friends' Books; Taylor's Home Education; Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica.

Class G.—Poetry and the Drama.—Aldine Edition of the Poets; Burn's Poems, 1787; Cunningham's Songs of Scotland; Dramatists of the Restoration; Hazlitt's Early Popular Poetry; Lismore's Ancient Gaelic Poetry; Maitland's Ancient Scottish Poems; Motherwell's Minstrelsy; Planché's Burlesques; Prior's Ancient Danish Ballads; Ritson's Northumberland Garland; Shakespeare's Works, edited by Knight; Shakespeare's Works, edited by Staunton; Shakespeare, Works on, by Birch, Craik, Gervinus, Montague, Massey, and Patterson; Sheldon's Border Minstrelsy.

Class H.—Miscellaneous Literature.—Complete sets of the following serial publications:—Annual Register; Architect; Art Journal; Blackwood; Dublin Review; Economist; Engineering; Fraser; Gentleman's Magazine; Graphic; Illustrated London News; Magasin Pittoresque; Nature; Notes and Queries; Punch; Quarterly Review; Retrospective Review; Sanitary Record; Scribner's Magazine. Complete sets of the Transactions or Proceedings of the following Societies:—Architectural Society's Reports; British Association; Camden Society; Civil Engineers; Natural History Society of Northumberland, Durham, and Newcastle-

upon-Tyne; Naval Architects; Percy Society; Royal Society; Social Science Congress; Society of Engineers; Spalding Club, including the Sculptured Stones of Scotland; Surtees Society; United Service Institution. Collected editions of the following French and German authors in the original:—Balzac; Böhme; Chateaubriand; Descartes; Diderot; Figuier; Goethe; La Fontaine; Lamartine; Lessing; Marat; Molière; Pascal; Racine; Schiller. Privately printed books:—Allan Tracts; Arber's Transcript of the Stationers' Registers; Dr. Grosart's Reprints—Chertsey Worthies, Fuller Worthies, Huth and Spenser Libraries.

THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

Negotiations for the transfer of this old bequest, together with that of the "Old Library" of St. Nicholas—both of which have been and are public libraries in the broadest sense of the term—from their present home, in the building provided for them by the late Sir Walter Blacket in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, to the Public Library of this City, have been in progress for some time.

In 1881, your Committee appointed a Sub-Committee to enquire into the whole question and report.

Your Librarian has gone very carefully through the collection, and while he fails to trace many valuable works described in the catalogue, and finds that the bulk of the volumes are in a wretched condition as to binding, etc., he reports favourably as to the value of the collection for reference, and, in consequence, your Committee are of opinion, that no time should be lost in endeavouring to come to an arrangement with the present trustees, for the removal of the collection from its present most unsuitable home, to that of the Public Library, where the books would be put into a proper state for use, and the collection catalogued, and thus made available for the public in accordance with the wishes of its reverend founder, the late Dr. Thomlinson.

CONFERENCES.

Mr. Vinycomb, a member of the Public Libraries Committee, and Mr. Haggerston, the Librarian, attended as a deputation the Thirty-fifth Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, held at Morpeth, on August 1st last. Mr. Vinycomb gave in a short, but effective speech an interesting account of the Classes held in connexion with the Institution. Mr. Haggerston devoted his remarks to the work of the Library proper, giving special attention to the questions of library binding, artificial lighting, heating, ventilation, etc.

Your Librarian also attended the Fifth Annual Conference of the Library Association of Great Britain, held at Cambridge, on September 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. He was, during his visit, the guest of Dr. Swainson, Master of Christ College. During the Conference he took part in its proceedings, and, at the close, was elected, for the second time, a member of the National Council. The subjects treated of were of an exceedingly practical character, and the opportunities enjoyed by the members of visiting the numerous college libraries, afforded advantages which few other places could have done.

DEPUTATIONS, ETC.

Several deputations from libraries established under the "Public Libraries Acts" and other literary institutions have visited your Library during the year, while a large number of letters have been received asking for advice and assistance in library work and management, the latter being chiefly from towns where agitations in favour of the adoption of the "Public Libraries Acts" were in progress. Several important public, proprietary, and private libraries have intimated their intention of adopting the system of cataloguing in use in your Library, as well as the style and material used in the binding and re-binding of the books.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.

A bill to consolidate and amend the existing "Public Libraries Acts" prepared some two years ago by the Metropolitan Public Libraries Committee, was accepted as the basis of future legislation by the Council of the Library Association of Great Britain. Prior to any definite action being taken however, the provincial Library Authorities and Librarians saw that it was faulty in construction, and positively injurious in many points to those Libraries established under the existing Acts. A conference of the Public Library Authorities of Great Britain was called in Manchester under the presidency of the Mayor of that city, who happened to be at the time the Chairman of the Libraries Committee, and the proposed bill was so amended as to meet the general wishes of the provincial Library Committees. Acting upon advice the Metropolitan Libraries Committee withdrew their bill, and an amended bill including the suggestions of the Provincial Conference was prepared for last session of Parliament, and backed by the names of Messrs. Hopwood, Birley, Rathbone, and Slagg. This bill was, however, blocked, but there are strong grounds for believing that it will receive attention early in the session of 1883.

In conclusion, your Committee would urgently call the attention of the public to the good work which has already been achieved by means of the Library and its adjuncts, and at the same time they would express the hope that those who really take an interest in institutions such as this, which are eminently calculated to develop and support the many educational movements of the district, will grant their aid and assistance to the Committee in their somewhat arduous but highly interesting work.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

December 15th, 1882.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, MARCH 7TH, 1883.

N.B.—For Report of Educational Section, see pages 27 & 28.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report ...		23,977	
Added during the year:—			
By Gift	78		
By Purchase	1,225		
		1,303	
Total Stock in Lending Library			25,280

NOTE.—The sum expended on the 22,821 volumes purchased for this department has amounted to £3,710 12s. 8d., or an average of 3s. 3d. per volume, being 7d. per volume below the amount of original estimate.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes at date of last Report	3,771		
Added during the year:—			
By Gift	382		
By Purchase	2,668		
Total		6,821	

NOTE.—The sum expended on the 5,271 volumes purchased for this department has amounted to £2,752 8s. 9d., or an average of 10s. 5¼d. per volume, being ¾d. per volume below the amount of original estimate.

Specifications of Patents of Inventions—			
Specifications	2,867		
Abstracts of ditto	153		
Indices	82		
Catalogues of Patent Office Library, etc.	4		
Journal of the Commissioners of Patents	34		
American and Colonial Patents	42		
		3,182	
Total Reference Stock...			10,003

TOTAL STOCK.

Total stock of volumes in both departments:—		
From Mechanics' Institute Library	2,003	
By Gift, including 3,182 volumes of Patents	5,188	
By Purchase	28,092	
		35,283

NOTE.—The sum expended on the 28,092 volumes purchased for both departments has amounted to £6,463 1s. 5d., or an average of 4s. 7¼d. per volume. It will thus be seen that on the volumes acquired to date, for both Libraries, there has been a saving of £682 1s. 8d. on the original estimates.

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN LENDING LIBRARY.

Class Letter.	Subjects.	At date of last Report.	Added during the Year.	Total.
A	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy...	1,930	57	1,987
B	History, Biography, Voyages, Travels, and Geography	5,740	274	6,014
C	Science, and Natural History	2,047	116	2,163
D	Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities...	946	59	1,005
E	Jurisprudence, Politics, Commerce, and Statistics	736	39	775
F	Philology, and Education	315	15	330
G	Poetry, and the Drama	1,241	31	1,272
H	Prose Fiction	6,136	540	6,676
J	Miscellaneous Literature	3,408	118	3,526
K	Juvenile Literature...	1,478	54	1,532
		23,977	1,303	25,280

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED DURING THE TWO YEARS THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN OPEN.

4,167 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound at a cost of £280 6s. 2d., or an average of 1s. 4⅛d. per volume.

77 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

8 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

9 Volumes have been worn out and replaced by the Committee at a cost of 19s. 6d.

8 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee, at a cost of £1 4s. 2d., in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the town, or of whom no trace can be found.

7 Volumes have been lost, of which no trace whatever can be found, the cost of which has been £1 0s. 11d.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Bainbridge Holme, by Mitchell, 2 vols.; Lays of Ancient Rome, by Macaulay; Mansfield Park, by Austen; Seven Days in London, by Gosman; The Barton Experiment, by Habberton; Uncle Tom's Cabin for Children, edited by Crowe.

TABLE IV.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY AND ANNUAL ISSUES IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUES, THE TOTAL ISSUES, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUES.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1881.													
September 20th to 30th	200	826	372	180	119	95	224	5,142	856	1,007	9,021	10	902
October	594	2,439	990	564	307	184	567	13,489	2,356	2,969	24,459	26	940
November...	617	2,414	984	512	335	208	596	13,061	2,299	2,831	23,857	26	917
December	588	2,111	816	443	283	236	538	12,587	2,391	2,582	22,575	26	868
1882.													
January	554	2,112	990	451	273	184	491	12,366	2,285	2,663	22,369	25	894
February	532	1,914	885	430	255	185	439	11,653	2,012	2,458	20,763	24	865
March	513	1,858	951	431	229	177	518	13,465	2,026	3,201	23,369	27	865
April	435	1,533	774	331	132	134	432	11,357	1,780	2,763	19.671	23	855
May	419	1,326	725	323	164	142	368	10.927	1,605	2,478	18,477	25½	724
June 1st to 23rd	203	719	416	202	101	66	294	6,482	872	1,216	10,571	20	528
June 24th to August 31st * ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September 1st to 19th	378	1,483	703	351	142	123	295	9,153	1,445	2,207	16,280	16	1,017
Total Issue in each Class ...	5,033	18,735	8,606	4,218	2,340	1,734	4,762	119,682	19,927	26,375	211,412	248½	850
Class Percentage of Entire Issue	2·38	8·86	4·07	2·00	1·10	0·82	2·25	56·61	9·43	12·48	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	20	75	35	17	10	6	19	482	80	106	850		
No. of Volumes in Stock ...	1,987	6,014	2,163	1,005	775	330	1,272	6,676	3.526	1,532	25,280		
Turn Over	2·53	3·11	3·97	4·19	3·02	5·25	3·74	17·92	5·65	17·21	8·36		

* The Library closed for alterations and transfer of books to New Building.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve of the principal Public Libraries in Great Britain as compared with Newcastle.

No.	Name of City or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Annual Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Annual Issues in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issues.
1	Birmingham	1860	400,757	5	10,000	49,300	419,100	8·5	17,000	261,200	15·36	62·32
2	Manchester	1852	341,508	6	32,135	90,449	855,658	9·46	23,116	492,304	21·29	57·53
3	Leeds	1870	309,126	22	19,162	88,590	590,601	6·66	40,708*	401,422	9·86	67·96
4	Sheffield	1855	284,410	4	12,205	59,839	354,050	5·91	15,134	224,676	14·84	63·45
5	Nottingham	1868	186,656	2	8,600	19,000	192,851	10·15	7,800	150,000	19·23	77·78
6	Salford	1849	176,233	4	10,000	37,806	314,634	8·32	19,886	203,485	10·23	64·67
7	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	15,191	25,280	211,412	8·36	6,676	119,682	17·92	56·61
8	Leicester	1871	122,351	1	3,500	14,173	134,424	9·48	5,664	99,296	17·53	73·86
9	Preston	1879	96,532	1	7,500	10,388	88,605	8·52	3,364	59,194	17·59	66·80
10	Norwich	1857	87,843	1	2,000	6,800	32,836	4·82	2,029	18,881	9·30	57·50
11	Wolverhampton	1869	75,738	1	2,000	20,960	57,507	2·74	6,580	40,846	6·20	71·02
12	Plymouth	1876	75,096	1	3,000	13,000	144,725	11·13	2,350	79,365	33·77	54·83
13	Wigan	1878	48,196	1	6,000	7,097	58,746	8·27	2,246	42,875	19·08	72·98

* Includes Poetry and the Drama, estimated about 3½ per cent.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 7th in Population, 6th in Stock, 6th in Issues, 6th in Turn Over, and 3rd in number of Readers' Tickets in use; while the percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction is lower than any of the Libraries named, with the exception of Plymouth.

TABLE VI.—SHOWING THE TRADES AND PROFESSIONS OF READERS.

FEMALES.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Bible Readers	1	2
Billiard Room Keepers	2	
Book Binders		21
China and Glass Dealers	2	
Cooks and Confectioners		10
Cow Keepers	2	
Dairywomen		6
Domestic Servants		70
Dress and Mantle Makers	20	191
Governesses	3	38
Hosiers	6	1
House Keepers		50
Laundresses	2	6
Librarian, Assistant		1
Licensed Victuallers and Barmaids ...	2	10
Lodging House Keepers	6	1
Machinists		30
Carried forward ...	46	437

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses
Brought forward ...	46	437
Matrons...		12
Milliners	6	80
Nurses	1	15
Professors of Music		11
Pupil Teachers		162
Registry Office Keepers	5	2
Restaurant Proprietors	2	
Saleswomen		54
Scholars...		90
Schoolmistresses	14	46
Shopkeepers	9	2
Telegraphists		15
Upholstresses		9
Waitresses		3
No Occupation stated	270	3,355
Total	353	4,293

MALES.

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Accountants	65	68
Actuaries and Notaries	2	
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, and Land	290	181
Apprentices		92
Architects	16	42
Artists	14	27
Auctioneers	13	
Bakers and Confectioners	34	15
Bankers	4	
Barristers	3	
Basket and Box Makers	12	3
Baths and Washhouses, Lessees of ...	3	
Bell Hanger	1	
Belt Makers	3	4
Billiard Marker...		1
Block and Mast Makers	1	2
Boat Maker	1	
Boiler Makers	21	2
Book Binders	14	40
Booksellers and Stationers	29	58
Boot and Shoe Makers...	69	51
Bottlers		2
Brass Finishers...	20	44
Brass Founders...	6	
Brewers	10	6
Bricklayers	21	16
Brick Makers		3
Brush Makers		24
Builders and Contractors	68	10
Butchers	57	40
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers ...	71	125
Cabmen	1	1
Carried forward ...	849	857

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	849	857
Cab Proprietors	2	
Caretakers	3	3
Carpet Planners	3	2
Carrier	1	
Cartmen and Rolleymen	28	24
Cart Proprietor...	1	
Cartwrights	1	5
Carvers and Gilders	15	14
Cashiers	33	15
Cattle Salesmen	2	
Cemetery Superintendent	1	
Chair Maker	1	
Chapel Keeper	1	
Chemists, Analytical	4	4
Chemists and Druggists	47	56
China and Glass Dealers	4	
Clergymen and Ministers	30	36
Clerks and Book Keepers	311	1537
Coach Builders and Coach Painters ...	16	16
Coachmen and Grooms...	7	8
Coal Fitters	7	4
Coffee-Mill Makers	2	
Coffee Roasters...	3	1
Collectors	5	7
Colliery Owners	4	
Commercial Travellers...	86	50
Consuls	2	
Coopers	15	4
Cordwainers	2	5
Cork Cutters	4	3
Dairymen and Farmers	5	3
Dentists...	5	13
Carried forward ...	1,500	2,667

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	1,500	2,667
Dock Superintendent	1	
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons	30	12
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers ...	158	210
Draughtsmen	23	42
Drill Instructors	3	5
Drysalters	1	3
Dyers	7	6
Electricians	2	4
Elocutionist	1	
Engineers	96	210
Engineers, Civil...	11	10
Engineers, Consulting...	19	2
Engineers, Mining	14	10
Engine Drivers...	8	
Enginemen	8	1
Engravers and Embossers	4	13
Errand Boys		93
Farriers	2	4
File Cutter	1	
Firemen...	7	11
Fishmongers and Fish Curers... ...	4	
Fitters	77	148
Foremen	32	10
French Polishers	3	8
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen ...	24	11
Furniture Brokers	2	
Furriers...	2	5
Gardeners	3	13
Gas Inspectors	9	1
Glass Blowers and Cutters	4	5
Glass Painters and Stainers	5	10
Gold Beaters		2
Gold Smiths	3	1
Grinders...	1	3
Grocers and Provision Dealers ...	208	218
Hairdressers and Perfumers	12	25
Harbour Master's Assistant	1	
Hatters	16	12
Hawker	1	
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Ironmongers	23	54
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Journalists and Reporters	16	25
Labourers	54	46
Lamp Makers	1	1
Last Maker	1	
Lathrender		1
Law Stationers...	6	3
Law Students	2	18
Lead Workers	5	1
Leather Dressers		6
Librarians and Assistant Librarians ...	2	9
Licensed Victuallers and Barmen ...	40	36
Lithographers	7	20
Carried forward ...	2,640	4,232

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	2,640	4,232
Machinists	19	16
Managers	15	10
Manufacturers — Biscuit, Brick, Chemical, File, Iron, Leather, Manure, Soap, and Tobacco ...	56	10
Marble Polishers	1	1
Marine Store Dealer	1	
Master Mariners	10	
Masons	44	33
Match Makers		3
Medical Students	1	43
Mercantile Marine Superintendent ...	1	
Merchants—Chemical, Coal, Glass, Iron, Leather, Timber, and Wine and Spirit	225	54
Messengers	7	9
Metal Brokers	2	
Millers	10	19
Miners	4	4
Mining Manager	1	
Mining Viewers		2
Moulders and Pattern Makers ...	47	58
Musicians	18	14
Nail Maker	1	
Naturalist	1	
Newspaper Despatchers	4	
Officers, Army	1	9
— Naval		1
— of H.M. Civil Service	1	
— of H.M. Customs	9	13
— of H.M. Excise		1
— of H.M. Inland Revenue	7	9
Opticians	4	8
Overseers	9	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, and Paperhangers	71	79
Paviours...	1	1
Pawnbrokers	22	12
Pensioners, Army and Navy	3	
Photographers	8	20
Picture Restorer	1	
Pilot	1	
Pipe Makers		2
Plasterers	19	6
Platelayers	10	2
Plater	1	
Plumbers	41	72
Police Officers	12	22
Porters	18	29
Post-Office Officials	4	32
Potato Merchants	9	
Potters	7	2
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers...	89	144
Professors of Dancing	1	2
Professors of Languages	2	3
Professors of Music	8	5
Publishers	2	2
Pupil Teachers		131
Quarrymen	2	2
Carried forward ...	3,471	5,117

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	3,471	5,117
Quay Master, and Assistant do. ...	1	1
Railway Employees	26	30
Rate Collectors...	3	4
Registrars	4	
Relieving Officers	3	
Restaurant Keepers	11	4
Rivetters	5	
Rope Makers	2	2
Saddlers...	8	13
Sail Makers	3	2
Sailors	4	7
Salesmen	6	59
Sawyers	2	4
Scholars...		241
School Board Clerk	1	
School Board Inspector		1
School Board Officers	4	4
Schoolmasters	30	30
Sculptors and Stone Carvers	4	4
Secretaries	6	5
Ship Brokers	25	6
Ship Chandlers...	4	
Ship Owners	16	
Shipwrights	9	4
Shopkeepers	17	1
Silver Smiths	7	1
Skinners...	7	3
Slaters	8	4
Smiths	76	95
Soap Boiler		1
Soda Water Manufacturers	4	
Solicitors	41	24
Stock and Share Brokers	6	1
Store and Time Keepers	10	19
Carried forward ...	3,824	5.687

	Burgesses.	Non-Burgesses.
Brought forward ...	3,824	5,687
Students...		81
Surveyors	10	8
Tailors and Cutters	83	95
Tanners and Curriers	18	15
Telegraphists	15	69
Theatre Lessee	1	
Ticket Writers		7
Timber Measurer	1	
Tobacconists	25	21
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	5	6
Tramway Manager and Inspector ...	1	1
Tripe Preparers...	1	2
Trunk and Portmanteau Makers ...	2	3
Turners	16	20
Umbrella Maker		1
Undertaker	1	
Vaccination Officer	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	4	2
Waiters	4	7
Warder of H.M. Prisons	1	
Warehousemen...	39	78
Watermen	7	2
Wharfingers	4	2
Wheelwrights	1	1
Whip Maker		1
Wire Workers	9	16
Yeast Dealer	1	
No Occupation stated	76	267
Total Males	4,153	6,392
Total Females...	353	4,293
Total Males and Females ...	4,506	10,685
Total Number of Readers ...	15,191	

TABLE VII.—SHOWING THE AGES OF NON-BURGESS BORROWERS.

	Males.	Females.
From 14 to 20...	3,304	1,560
From 21 to 30...	1,974	1,441
From 31 to 40...	642	645
From 41 to 50...	284	295
Carried forward ...	6,204	3,941

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	6,204	3,941
From 51 to 60...	106	113
From 61 to 73...	45	74
Ages not stated	37	165
	6,392	4,293

P.S.—The ages of Burgess Borrowers not having been asked for, a Tabulated Statement cannot, therefore, be given.

TABLE VIII.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF READERS FROM EACH OF THE WARDS IN THE CITY.

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
St. Nicholas'	100	129	229
St. John's	191	262	453
St. Andrew's North ...	572	1,905	2,477
St. Andrew's South ...	183	228	411
All Saints' East... ...	522	1,388	1,910
All Saints' West ...	130	105	235
Carried forward ...	1,698	4,017	5,715

	Burgess.	Non-Burgess.	Total.
Brought forward ...	1,698	4,017	5,715
Westgate	886	1.999	2,885
Elswick	1,132	2,926	4,058
Jesmond...	307	801	1,108
Byker	380	746	1,126
Heaton	62	196	258
Non-resident Freemen...	41	... ...	41
Total... ...	4,506	10,685	15,191

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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

THIS Committee have great satisfaction in reporting the continued interest and success in the work done in their department during the past session, the number of students and their success reaching a good average standard.

In the Science and Art Department in connection with South Kensington, the number of classes was sixteen, the individual students being 170, most of whom attended several classes The subjects taught included Machine Construction and Drawing, Building Construction, Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Mathematics, Steam, Inorganic Chemistry (Elementary and Advanced) including Laboratory Practice, etc. In Art—Freehand and Model Drawing, from the Cast, and also embracing a Life Class.

As the result of the Government Examinations held in May last, 34 First Class Certificates, each carrying with it a Queen's Prize, were awarded; these, with 48 other certificates, making 82 Government awards in the several subjects.

Classes were also held in connection with the City and Guilds of London Institutes and certificates awarded to successful students.

The most successful student of the year has been Mr. W. G. Spence, who has gained certificates in 7 different science subjects—4 Queen's Prizes, including First Class Honours Certificate, and a National Bronze Medal in Machine Construction and Drawing.

The Exhibition of the annual value of £50, half of which is subscribed locally and the other by Government, has been awarded by the Department to Mr. W. G. Spence, entitling him to study for one year at a college, and he has begun his studies at the University of Glasgow in the following subjects:—

Natural Philosophy.
Mathematics (Advanced).
Naval Architecture.
Marine Engineering.

These subjects having been approved by the Department.

At the Government Examination in London, held in May last, the works of 80 students sent up for examination in Science and Art were passed creditably.

The Literary and Commercial Classes have been well attended, and the results, as reported by the several teachers, have been excellent. Instruction was given in the following subjects:—French (Elementary

and Advanced), German (Elementary and Advanced), Latin, Shorthand, English Grammar and Composition, Book-keeping, Writing, Arithmetic, etc. The total number of students being 263. A prize is awarded to the most successful student in each class, which includes attendance, the Committee believing it to be just and wise to combine the two qualifications for the purpose of award.

The teachers in the Science and Art Department, acting under Mr. J. A. G. Ross, M.I.M.E., as Principal, and also the gentlemen associated with the Literary and Commercial Classes, have done their work in a satisfactory manner, and have earned the thanks of the Committee and the public generally for the good done in the cause of education.

The total number of students in all the classes has been 431, being an increase of 10 over last session; while it may be stated that the total number enrolled for the current session up to date is 461, being an increase of 30 over the past session, which must be gratifying to all interested in the progress of these classes.

Two Competitions in Oratory in connection with the classes were held under the Richard Thompson Bequest, and for which prizes of £2 10s., £1 10s., and £1 are awarded to the most successful. The subjects were—"Sir Robert Peel: his Life and Influence," and the "Freedom of the Press: its Growth and Influence," which elicited good speeches and were well attended by the public.

The Committee believe these competitions do great good in encouraging the art of public speaking, so necessary in making successful men of the world.

The Committee congratulate the Town on the excellent working of this department of the Public Library, feeling assured that the good results arising from the mutual arrangements between the Mechanics' Institute and the Library Committee are contributing largely to promote the advanced education of the young men and artisans of this manufacturing district.

The Science and Art Classes in connection with South Kensington necessarily entail a large amount of correspondence, etc.; and this, with the general superintendence of the classes, requires much valuable time and experience. The Committee, therefore, on behalf of the general community, appreciate the generous labours of the Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. K. Vinycomb, and take this opportunity of expressing to him their unanimous thanks for his devoted and untiring efforts in the working of the Educational Department of the Public Library.

THOS. LESSLIE GREGSON,

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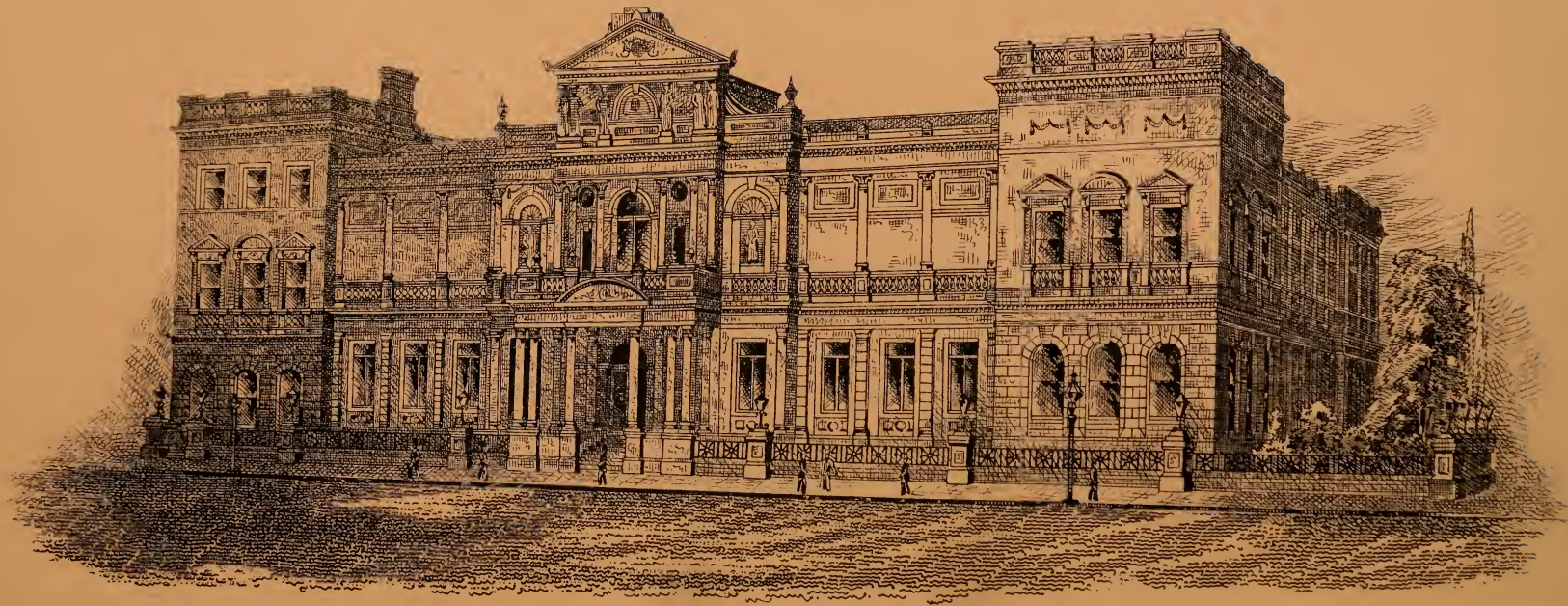

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MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

Your Committee, in submitting the Third Annual Report, are pleased to be able to record satisfactory progress in every department of the Institution.

THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

This department was open to the public on 298 days, and during that period 261,325 volumes were issued for home reading, being an increase of 49,913 volumes on the number circulated during 1881–82. The gross issues, during the three years the Libraries have been open, have amounted to 774,662 volumes, and when this large circulation is taken into consideration, it is exceedingly gratifying to know that only eight volumes, of which the Librarian has no record, have been actually lost.

1,002 volumes have been added during the year, making a total of 26,282 volumes as the stock in this department.

During the year 4,432 applications have been received for Readers' Tickets, or renewals. 1,621 have been cancelled through the death, removal, or resignation of the holders, leaving 18,002 as the number now in use.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

This section of the Institution continues to provide healthy recreation and instruction for the younger members of the community. Since the publication of the last report, the limit of reader's age has been reduced to 12 instead of 14 years as heretofore, and with marked success. A number of special Juvenile Tickets, entitling the holders to borrow from this department only, have been applied for and granted. During the year 38,055 volumes have been issued, being an increase of 11,680 on the circulation of the previous year. The gross issues for the three years have amounted to 103,634 volumes.

The wear and tear have been of necessity very heavy, and 584 volumes during three years have required to be bound or rebound. A number of books have been lost or damaged by the young borrowers, but in every case the loss or injury has been made good, either by the borrower, or his or her guarantor, and it is satisfactory to be able to announce that only one volume is reported by the Librarian in his annual stock-taking returns, to be missing in this department.

Ministers of religion, school-masters and school-mistresses, Sunday school teachers, and parents still continue to take a great interest in this Library, and have exercised a very salutary influence on the reading of the juvenile borrowers during the past year.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

This collection now consists of 3,262 volumes, 80 volumes having been added during the year. This Library, on its transfer, twelve months ago, was found to be in a somewhat dilapidated and imperfect condition, several volumes, as well as a large number of individual patents, being missing. The Library Staff has for some time past—when opportunity offered—been engaged in the work of collating the collection, and, when this is completed it is hoped that H.M. Commissioners may be able to supply the missing volumes and parts.

During the year 1,257 patents have been consulted; but no record has been kept of the number of times upon which various Indices to the collection, the Abstracts of the Specifications, or the Journal of the Commissioners have been used, as these may be at any time referred to without an application form being filled up.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

419,649 visits have been paid to the News-Room during the year. The number of Newspapers, Magazines, and Reviews supplied have been as follows:—Daily 32, Bi-Weekly 3, Weekly 66, Bi-Monthly 3, Monthly 55, and Quarterly 11.

In consequence of the overcrowded state of the room, the principal Magazines and Reviews were removed to the Patent Library early in the year. In addition to the space thus gained in the News-Room, a large number of the regular readers of this class of serial publications have expressed their satisfaction at the change, in consequence of the greater quiet now experienced. A large number of ladies are among the regular readers, while, under the old conditions, a lady in the News-Room was almost unknown.

The Official Time-Tables of the Railway and Steamboat Companies, together with the local and other Guides, have been suspended from a rail affixed to the north-east wall of the News-Room, where they can be readily referred to, while considerable space is saved by their removal from the tables.

Finding that the newspapers placed upon the reading desks were very much torn under the system of cords and weights in use, as well as by the strain upon the papers, from the readers resting their arms upon them, your Committee have replaced the cords and weights by brass rods and padlocks, and have carried a brass rail along each side of the desks, at four inches distance from them. A great improvement has already been experienced in the condition of the newspapers at the end of the day, and this is the more satisfactory that many of these papers are filed or bound for purposes of reference.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The preparatory work for this important department is rapidly drawing to a completion, and the Committee hope to be able to open it to the public early in 1884.

The original intention of your Committee was to begin the work of the Reference Library with a stock of 10,000 volumes, but they are glad to say that the stock already numbers 17,658 volumes (including 3,262 of Patents), and it may be reasonably expected that considerable additions will be made before the opening of the Library.

In July last, your Committee were fortunate enough to secure by purchase the whole of the valuable Library of C. W. Merrifield, Esq., F.R.S.,

consisting of over 1,000 volumes, chiefly of a scientific character. It is exceedingly rich in Mathematical Works, Naval Architecture, and Transactions of Societies. Those volumes which were duplicates of works already purchased have been sold to advantage, and your Committee are satisfied that Newcastle now possesses one of the best Mathematical collections in the United Kingdom.

In the last Report a list of some of the principal purchases in each class was given, and it has again been thought desirable to detail the chief acquisitions since the date of that publication.

Class A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.—Biblia Sacra Polyglotta; Vetus Testamentum Græcum e Codice MS. Alexandrino descriptum, in facsimile type; Codex Alexandrinus and Clementine Epistles, in Autotype Facsimile; Butler's Historical Memoirs of the Catholics; Calvin Society's Publications; Digby's Broad Stone of Honour; English and Foreign Philosophical Library; Ewald's Commentaries; Faber's Origin of Pagan Idolatry; Forlong's Rivers of Faith; Hamilton's Lectures on Metaphysics, and Logic; Hume's Philosophical Works; Kant's Philosophical Works; Keim's Jesus of Nazara; Mill's Dissertations and Discussions; Montalembert's Monks of the West; Moor's Hindu Pantheon; Moor's Hindu Infanticide; Parker Society's Publications; The Sacred Books of the East, edited by Max Müller; The Speaker's Commentary.

Class B.—History, Biography, Voyages, Travels, and Geography.—Anquetil's Histoire de France; Bancroft's History of the United States; Bancroft's History of the Pacific States of North America; Bevan's Statistical Atlas of England, Scotland, and Ireland; Bossi's Istoria d'Italia; Botta's Storia d'Italia; Brookes' Gazetteer; Burchell's Travels in Southern Africa; Burckhardt's Travels in Nubia; Burton's History of Scotland; Clarendon's History of the Rebellion, and Civil Wars in England; Clarke's Travels in Europe, Asia, and Africa; complete sets of the Calendars of State Papers, and Chronicals and Memorials of Great Britain, and Ireland; Cox's History of Greece; Dyer's History of Rome; Finlay's History ot Greece; Foss' Judges of England; Freeman's History of the Norman Conquest, and Reign of William Rufus; Froude's History of England; Gazetteers of Assam, India, Mysore and Coorg, Oudh, North-west provinces of India, Sind, and Scotland; Gibbon's Roman Empire; Green's History of the English People; Grote's History of Greece; Guicciardini's Storia d'Italia; Guizot's Histories of England, and France; Hook's Lives of the Archbishops of Canterbury; Ihne's History of Rome; Illustrated Biographies of Da Vinci, Michael Angelo, Müller, Stothard, Thorvaldsen, and Titian; Illustrated Descriptions of Bavaria, China,

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Class D.—Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.—Akerman's Remains of Pagan Saxondom; Allen's History of the County of York; Allom and Rose's Views in Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland; Alnwick Castle, Catalogue of British Antiquities at,

edited by Bruce, and Catalogue of Egyptian Antiquities at, edited by Birch; Archæological Survey of Western India; Audsley's Architectural Dictionary, and Polychromatic Decoration; Barnard's Drawing from Nature, and Landscape Painting in Water Colour; Bartolozzi and his Works; Beauties of England and Wales; Birch's Ancient Pottery; Bouteil's Heraldry; Bowes' Japanese Marks and Seals; Boyne's Tokens of the 17th Century; Brand's History and Antiquities of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Brandon's Parish Churches; Britton's Architectural Antiquities of Great Britain; Bruce's Roman Wall, folio, 1867; Bruce and Stokoe's Northumbrian Minstrelsy; Brydge's Peerage of England; Burke's General Armoury, Peerage, Royal Descent, and Royal Families of England, Scotland, and Wales; Burnet on Painting; Canova's Works; Cesnola's Salaminia; Chaffers' Marks and Monograms on Pottery and Porcelain; Cherubini on Counterpoint and Fugue; Collings' Details of Gothic Architecture; Cripps' Old English Plate, and Old French Plate; Dawkins' Early Man in Britain; Debrett's Peerage; Dennis' Etruria; Dollman and Jubbins' Ancient Domestic Architecture; Dresser's Studies in Design; Evans' Ancient Bronze Implements, and Ancient Stone Implements; Fairbairn's Crests of Great Britain; Fairholt and Wright's Miscellanea Graphica; Fergusson's Rude Stone Monuments; Fergusson and Burgess' Cave Temples of India; Foster's Peerage; Fosbrooke's Cyclopædia of Antiquities; Geikie's Prehistoric Europe; Gell and Gandy's Pompei; Grose's Antiquities of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, all large paper; Grüner's Ornamental Art; Guest's Origines Celticæ; Gwilt's Civil Architecture; Hamerton's Etching and Etchers, and The Graphic Arts; Hartshorne's Castles of Northumberland; Hawkins' Silver Coins of England; Heer's Primæval World of Switzerland; Herculaneum et Pompéi; Hewitt's Ancient Armour; Hogarth's Works; Hope's Costume of the Ancients; Horsley's Britannia Romana; Hunt's Tudor Architecture; Jackson and Chatto's History of Wood Engraving; Jameson's History of Our Lord, Legends of the Madonna, Legends of the Monastic Orders, and Sacred and Legendary Art; Jewitt's Ceramic Art of Great Britain; Keane's Towers and Temples of Ancient Ireland; King's Handbooks to the Cathedrals; Leighton's Suggestions in Design; Lindsay's Christian Art; Lyson's Magna Britannica; Marryat's Pottery and Porcelain; Murray's Handbooks; Nicholson's Architectural Dictionary; Nilsson on the Stone Age; O'Brien's Round Towers of Ireland; Osburn's Monumental History of Egypt; Ottley's History of Engraving; Penley's English School of Painting in Water Colour; Pugin's Glossary of Ecclesiastical Ornament; Redgrave's Century of Painters; Richardson's Old English Mansions; Ridpath's Border History; River Tyne, a Collec-

tion of Documents relating to the, from A.D. 1603 to A.D. 1850; Robertson's Coinage of Scotland; Ruding's Coinage of Great Britain; Schliemann's Troy and Mycenæ; Scott's Border Antiquities; Shaw's Dresses and Decorations of the Middle Ages; Shaw's Elizabethan Architecture; Smith's Assyrian Discoveries; Smith's British Mezzotint Portraits; Smith's Catalogue Raisonné; Smyth's Northumberland Cabinet of Roman Coins; Taylor's Early History of Mankind; Trollope's Ancient Art; Turner Gallery; Turner's Liber Studiorum; Vaillant's Numismata; Vanity Fair Album, complete set of; Viollet-le-Duc's Dictionnaire de l'Architecture Française, and Dictionnaire du Mobilier Française; Vyse's Pyramids of Gizeh; Walford's County Families; Wallace's History of Northumberland; Waring's Ceramic Art in remote Ages; Wilkinson's Ancient Egyptians; Wilson's Archæological and Prehistoric Annals of Scotland, and Prehistoric Man; Winckelmann's History of Ancient Art; Winkle's Cathedrals; Yorke's Royal Tribes of Wales.

Class E.—Jurisprudence, Politics, Commerce, and Statistics.—Amos' Civil Law of Rome; Ancient Civil Law and Institutes of Wales; Baildon's Tea Industry in India; Bancroft's Constitution of the United States; Blackstone's Commentaries; Bourne's Trade, Population, and Food; Brassey's Lectures on the Labour Question; Cairnes' Political Economy; Collins' Law and Practice of Banking; Creasy's Constitutions of the Britannic Empire, and First Platform of International Law; Doubleday's True Law of Population; Elton's Law of Commons and Waste Lands, and Law of Copyholds and Customary Tenures; Gladstone's Commercial Legislation; Grey's Colonial Policy, and Reform of Parliament; Hallam's Constitutional History of England; Hamilton's Money and Value; Herbert's Fish and Fisheries; Hosack's Law of Nations; Levi's Administrations of Great Britain; Lewis' International Law; Lindsay's History of Merchant Shipping; Macleod's Economical Philosophy; Maine's Ancient Law, Early History of Institutions, Early Law and Custom, and Village Communities in the East and West; May's Constitutional History of England, Democracy in Europe, and Parliamentary Practice; Nicholls' History of the English, Irish, and Scotch Poor Laws; Pike's History of Crime in England; Rogers' Protests of the Lords; Smith's Wealth of Nations; Speeches by Beaconsfield, Bright, Brougham, Campbell, Canning, Cobden, Drummond, Erskine, Gladstone, Huskisson, King, Lytton, Peel, Phillips, Sheridan, Villiers, Webster, and Wyndham; Wilson's Resources of Modern Countries; Yonge's Constitutional History of England.

Class F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Letters, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias.—Adams' The Ele-

mentary School Contest; Ainsworth's Latin Dictionary; Ash's English Dictionary; Baretti's Italian Dictionary; Bayle's Historical and Critical Dictionary; Blackie's Horæ Hellenicæ; Blakey's History of Literature; Blunt's Dictionaries of Sects and Heresies, and of Theology; Brydge's British Bibliographer, Censura Literaria, and Restituta; Cardinali, Orioli, and Costa's Gran Dizionario della Lingua Italiana; Clarke's Repertorium Bibliographica; Collier's Account of the Rarest Books in the English Language; Dibdin's Bibliographical Tour, Bibliotheca Spenceriana, with Supplement and the Cassano Library Catalogue, and Literary Reminiscences; Encyclopædia Britannica; Encyclopædia Americana; Fleming et Tibbin's Dictionnaire Française-Anglais; Flügel's German and English Dictionary; Gaelic Dictionary, published by the Highland Society; Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon; Griffith and Henfrey's Micrographic Dictionary; Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians; Halkett and Laing's Dictionary of Anonymous and Pseudonymous Literature; Hallam's Literature of Europe; Halliwell's Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words; Herzog's Encyclopædia of Practical Theology; Hindley's Old Book Collectors' Miscellany; Hook's Church Dictionary; Johnson's English Dictionary, edited by Latham; Kitto's Cyclopædia of Biblical Literature; La Harpe's Cours de Littérature; Lewis and Short's Latin Dictionary; Liddell and Scott's Greek-English Lexicon; Littré's Dictionnaire de la Langue Française; McCulloch's Geographical Dictionary; Mackay's Gaelic Etymology; Morley on National Education; Morrison's Chinese Dictionary; Moss' Manual of Classical Bibliography; Müller's Lectures on the Science of Language; Neuman and Baretti's Spanish Dictionary; Nichols' Literary Anecdotes, and Literary History; Ogilvie's Imperial Dictionary; Oliphant's Literary History of England; Palmer's Index to the *Times*, from 1858 to 1883; Parkhurst's Greek and English Lexicon; Poole's Index to Periodical Literature; Royal Society's Catalogue of Scientific Papers, from 1800 to 1873; Sismondi's Literature of the South of Europe; Skeat's Etymological Dictionary; Smith's Latin Dictionary; Smith's Classical Dictionary; Smith's Dictionaries of The Bible, Christian Antiquities, Christian Biography, Greek and Roman Antiquities, Greek and Roman Biography and Mythology, and Greek and Roman Geography; Spencer on Education; Spon's Dictionary of Manufactures, and Raw Materials; Stevens' Bibles in the Caxton Exhibition; Symonds' The Renaissance in Italy; Taine's English Literature; Todhunter's Conflict of Studies Ure's Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines; Vallée's Bibliographie des Bibliographies; Vieyra's Portuguese Dictionary; Walpole's Royal and Noble Authors; Watt's Dictionary of Chemistry; Webster's English Dictionary; Wedgwood's Dictionary of English Etymology;

White and Riddle's Latin-English Dictionary; Woodward and Cates' Encyclopædia of Chronology; Yonge's English-Greek Lexicon.

Class G.—Poetry and the Drama.—Ariosto's Orlando Furioso, translated by Rose; Barclay's Ship of Fools; Crawhall's Chaplets from Coquetside, and Right Merrie Garlands for North Country Anglers; Dante's Inferno, and Purgatory and Paradise, illustrated by Doré; Dodsley's Collection of Old English Plays, edited by Hazlitt; Fitzgerald's New History of the English Stage; Goldoni's Commedie; Gower's Confessio Amantis, edited by Pauli; Hogg's Jacobite Relics; Jamieson's Popular Ballads and Songs; Lockhart's Ancient Spanish Ballads; Main's Treasury of English Sonnets; Milton's Paradise Lost, illustrated by Doré; Molière's Dramatic Works, translated by Van Laun; Ossian's Poems; Ritson's Ancient Songs, English Songs, and Northern Garlands; Roxburghe Ballads, edited by Hindley; Shakespeare's Works, edited by Knight; Shakespeare, The Variorum, edited by Furness; Shakespeare, Griggs' Facsimile reprints of the First Quartos; Shakespeariana:—Clarke's Concordance, and Key; Dowden's Shakespeare Scenes and Characters; Guizot's Shakespeare and his Time; Hazlitt's Shakespeare Jest Books, and Shakespeare Library; Ingleby's Shakespeare Controversy; Jameson's Characteristics of Women; Kemble's Notes on some of Shakespeare's Plays; Kinnear's Cruces Shakespearianæ; Morgan's Shakespeare Myth; Richardson's Shakespeare's Dramatic Characters; Simpson's School of Shakespeare; Swinburne's Study of Shakespeare; Ulrici's Shakespeare's Dramatic Art. Shirley's Dramatic Works and Poems; Tasso's Jerusalem Delivered, translated by Hoole; The Old English Dramatists; The Towneley English Jacobite Ballads, edited by Grosart; Warton's History of English Poetry; Wilkin's Political Ballads of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.

Class H.—Prose Fiction.—Arabian Nights' Entertainments, translated by Lane; Beckford's Vathek; Cervante's Don Quixote, illustrated by Doré; complete set of Bentley's Standard Novels; Le Sage's Histoire de Gil Blas, vignettes per Jean Gicoux; Library Editions of the writings of Dickens, D'Israeli, Fielding, Lytton, Richardson, Scott, Smollett, and Thackeray; Thoms' Collection of Early Prose Romances.

Class J.—Miscellaneous Literature.—*Classics.*—Aristotle, by Congreve, Grant, Grote, and Lewes; Bohn's Classical Library complete; Cæsar's Commentaries, by Duncan; Ciceroni Opera, Basle, 1540; Demosthenis et Æschinis Opera, Frankfort, 1642; Herodotus, by Rawlinson; Homer, by Blackie, Derby, Herschel, Newman, Worsley, and Conington: Horace, by Martin, Milman, and Newman; Plato's Dialogues and Republic, by Jowett; Thucydides, by Crawley, and Jowett; Valpy's Delphin and Variorum Latin Classics; Virgil by Conington, and

Young; Xenophontis Opera, Henry Stephen, 1561. *Collected Works.*—The best Library Editions of the following authors, viz.: Addison, Bacon, Bolingbroke, Burke, Carlyle, De Foe, Dryden, Lamb, Landor, Macaulay, Prescott, Shelley, Southey, and Swift. *Magazines and Reviews.*—Complete sets of the following, viz.: Chambers's Journal; Chemical Gazette; Chemical News; Expositor; Journal of the Royal United Service Institution; Microscopical Society's Journal; Naval Science; Nineteenth Century; North British Review; Popular Science Review; Westminster. *Transactions of Societies.*—Complete sets of the following, viz.: Alpine Club; Antiquarian Society of London; Ballad Society; Cavendish Society; Early English Text Society; Hakluyt Society; Linnean Society; London Mathematical Society; Palæontographical Society; Physical Society; Ray Society; Reports of the Registrar General; Sanitary Institute of Great Britain; Statistical Society.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

Your Committee met the Trustees of the Thomlinson Library on March 13th, 1883, but those gentlemen decided not to accept the offer made by the Public Libraries Committee for the transfer of that collection to the Public Library of the City.

The Trustees admitted that the Library was in a very bad state, but promised that they would immediately issue an appeal for subscriptions to be expended upon putting the building and its contents into a thorough state of repair, and would arrange to have the Library open to the public during the hours provided for in the rules.

A Special Committee has been appointed to note the proceedings of the Trustees, and to report from time to time as to the work accomplished by that body.

Your Committee beg to say that they have not abandoned the hope that this collection may yet be secured to the general public for reference purposes, and that the decision of the Trustees is not in any way to be considered as final.

CONFERENCES.

Messrs. Carse and Vinycomb attended (as a deputation from this Committee) the Thirty-sixth Annual Conference of Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, held at Elswick on August 8th, under the presidency of Sir W. G. Armstrong, C.B. Mr. Carse addressed the meeting upon the work accomplished in the Libraries, and Mr. Vinycomb upon the success which had attended the Educational department during the year.

Mr. Haggerston attended the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, held at Liverpool, on September

11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, under the presidency of Sir James A. Picton, F.S.A. A number of valuable papers were read on Libraries and their management. During the meeting a very successful Exhibition of Library appliances was held. Newcastle contributed the plans of the new building, together with a number of specimens of book-binding as done for the Institution by local binders, and it is satisfactory to know that these were pronounced by experts to be the best for Public Library purposes in the Exhibition. Your Librarian was for the third time re-elected a member of the Council of the Association.

DEPUTATIONS.

During the year several deputations from Libraries established under the "Public Libraries Acts" have visited the Library, as well as a number of Librarians and others interested in the work and management of kindred Institutions.

DONATIONS.

Several valuable donations have been received. Special mention may be made of those given by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, the Trustees of the British Museum, the Secretary of State for India, and Dr. Bruce. The number of volumes received during the year has been 837, with 395 pamphlets, and 50 newspapers.

It will be seen by reference to pages 25 to 30, that 761 volumes, 350 pamphlets, and 41 newspapers of the total number presented have been received from public institutions, and private individuals outside of Newcastle; while 76 volumes, 45 pamphlets, and 9 newspapers only have been given by residents within the City.

The Committee, while taking this opportunity of returning their thanks to all those who have so thoughtfully made presentations to the Libraries or News-Room during the year, would very respectfully, but at the same time most earnestly urge, not only upon the citizens of Newcastle, but upon all those who are interested in the Educational advantages offered by such an institution as the Public Library, to aid the Committee as far as they can by gifts of books, etc.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY WILLIAM NEWTON, Chairman.

November 30th, 1883.

Adopted by the City Council, February 6th, 1884.

N.B.—For Report of Educational Section, see pages 23 and 24.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report ...		25,280	
Added during the year:—			
By Gift	65		
By Purchase	937		
		1,002	
Total Stock in Lending Library			26,282

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report ...		10,003	
Added during the year:—			
By Gift, including Patents	798		
By Purchase	6,857		
		7,655	
Total Stock in Reference Library			17,658

TOTAL STOCK.

Total stock of volumes in both departments from all sources:—		
From Mechanics' Institute Library	2,003	
By Gift, including 3,262 volumes of Patents	6,051	
By Purchase	35,886	
		43,940

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN REFERENCE AND LENDING LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	1,092	
B.—History, Biography, Voyages, Travels, and Geography ...	2,496	
C.—Science, and Natural History	1,905	
D.—Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities	1,284	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics ...	1,307	
F.—Philology, and Education	951	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	580	
H.—Prose Fiction...	292	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	4,489	
	14,396	
Publications of the Patent Office	3,262	
Total Reference Stock		17,658

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,089	
B.—History, Biography, Voyages, Travels, and Geography ...	6,166	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,238	
D.—Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities	1,074	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics ...	792	
F.—Philology, and Education	338	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,314	
H.—Prose Fiction	6,850	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	3,732	
K.—Juvenile Literature	1,689	
		26,282
Total Stock in both Libraries		43,940

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED DURING THE THREE YEARS THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN OPEN.

6,755 Volumes have been bound or re-bound, at a cost of £452 1s. 3d., or an average of 1s. 4¼d. per volume.

132 Volumes have been lost or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

19 Volumes have been lost or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

15 Volumes have been worn out and replaced by the Committee, at a cost of £1 15s. 6d.

8 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee, at a cost of £1 4s. 2d., in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having removed, and of whom no trace can be found.

8 Volumes have been lost, of which no trace whatever can be found, the cost of which has been £1 3s. 5s.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Bainbridge Holme, by Mitchell, vols.; Lays of Ancient Rome, by Macaulay; Mansfield Park, by Austen; Noble Deeds of Women, by Starling; Seven Days in London, by Gosman; The Barton Experiment, by Habberton; Uncle Tom's Cabin for Children, edited by Crowe.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY AND ANNUAL ISSUES IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUES, THE TOTAL ISSUES, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUES.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1882.													
September 20th to 30th	233	962	436	198	91	80	192	5,708	928	1,353	10,181	10	1,018
October	642	2,388	1,155	643	312	267	532	15,137	2,417	4,209	27,702	26	1,065
November	568	2,236	1,022	498	324	243	592	14,300	2,305	3,681	25,769	26	991
December	413	1,633	697	358	288	232	375	12,213	1,859	3,289	21,357	24	889
1883.													
January	449	2,005	846	360	207	147	423	13,850	2,088	3,392	23,767	25	950
February	382	1,690	726	403	281	224	453	13,026	1,924	3,506	22,615	24	942
March	442	2,101	815	432	253	200	432	15,315	2,347	3,691	26,028	25	1,041
April	367	1,494	713	327	198	146	336	13.492	1,805	2,802	21,680	25	867
May	321	1,385	585	297	113	105	292	12,852	1,641	3,634	21,225	26	816
June*	206	654	297	167	77	54	151	6,808	848	1,491	10,753	19	565
July	301	1,175	595	319	112	64	215	12,713	1,521	2,475	19,490	26	749
August	274	1,342	599	324	123	103	307	10,843	1,462	2,668	18,045	26	694
September	217	875	409	215	91	90	187	7,677	1,088	1,864	12,713	16	794
Total Issue in each Class ...	4,815	19,940	8,895	4,541	2,470	1,955	4,487	153,934	22,233	38,055	261,325	298	876·9
Class Percentage of Entire Issue	1·84	7·63	3·40	1·74	·95	·75	1·72	58·90	8·51	14·56	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	17	67	30	15	8	6	15	516	75	128	877		
No. of Volumes in Stock ...	2,089	6,166	2,238	1,074	792	338	1,314	6.850	3,732	1,689	26,282		
Turn Over	2·30	3·23	3·97	4·22	3·11	5·78	3·41	22·47	5·95	22·53	9·94		

* Library closed from June 25th to June 30th for Stock-taking.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve of the principal Public Libraries in Great Britain as compared with Newcastle.

No.	Name of City or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Numb r of Volumes in Stock.	Total Annual Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Annual Issues in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issues.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,425	2	8,973	44,895	393,891	8·77	15,005	299,636	19·96	76·07
2	Birmingham	1860	400,757	5	15,285	48,900	395,568	8·08	17,908	245,984	13·73	62·18
3	Manchester	1852	341,508	6	32,135	90,449	581,902	6·43	23,116	389,483	16·84	66·93
4	Leeds	1870	309,126	22	19,162	88,590	590,601	6·66	40,708*	401,422	9·86	67·96
5	Sheffield	1855	284,410	4	12,205	59,839	354,050	5·91	15,134	224,676	14·84	63·45
6	Salford	1849	176,233	4	8,614	37,806	260,518	6·89	19,886	203,485	10·23	78·10
7	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	18,002	26,282	261,325	9·94	6,850	153,934	22·47	58·90
8	Leicester	1871	122,351	1	2,231	14,173	134,424	9·48	5,664	99,296	17·53	73·86
9	Preston	1879	96,532	1	8,750	11,000	100,000	9·09	2,800	66,000	23·57	66·00
10	Norwich	1857	87,843	1	2,200	6,912	30,892	4·46	2,072	19,318	9·32	62·53
11	Wolverhampton	1869	75,738	1	1,872	21,191	55,177	2·60	6,545	36,938	5·64	66·94
12	Rochdale	1872	68,865	1	5,000	24,257	91,618	3·77	8,943†	65,624	7·33	71·62
13	Wigan	1878	48,196	1	6,000	10,000	60,000	6·00	2,925†	36,311	12·41	60·51

* Includes Poetry and the Drama, estimated at about 3½ per cent. † Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 7th in Population, 7th in Stock, 6th in Issues, 1st in Turn Over, and 3rd in number of Readers' Tickets in use; while the percentag f Issues in Prose Fiction is lower than in any of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI.

SHOWING THE TRADES AND PROFESSIONS OF READERS.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Bible Readers	1	2
Billiard Room Keepers ...	2	
Book Binders		25
China and Glass Dealers ...	2	
Cooks and Confectioners ...	1	12
Cow Keepers	2	
Dairywomen		6
Domestic Servants		78
Dress and Mantle Makers ...	22	220
Governesses	3	42
Hosiers	6	1
House Keepers		56
Laundresses	2	7
Librarian, Assistant		1
Licensed Victuallers and Barmaids	2	12
Lodging House Keepers ...	7	1
Machinists		33
Carried forward ...	50	496

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward	50	496
Matrons...		10
Milliners	7	109
Nurses	1	16
Professors of Music		9
Pupil Teachers...		176
Registry Office Keepers ...	5	2
Restaurant Proprietors ...	4	
Saleswomen		60
Scholars...		156
Schoolmistresses	15	50
Shopkeepers	10	4
Telegraphists		17
Upholstresses		10
Waitresses		3
No Occupation stated ...	279	3,885
Total	371	5,003

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	74	79
Actor and Stage Manager ...		2
Actuaries and Notaries ...	2	
Agents—Commission, House Insurance, Land, etc.	398	271
Apprentices		123
Architects	18	46
Artists	15	34
Auctioneers	14	1
Bakers and Confectioners ...	36	19
Bankers...	4	
Barristers	3	
Basket and Box Makers ...	11	7
Baths and Washhouses, Lessees of	3	
Bell Hangers	2	2
Belt Makers	4	6
Billiard Markers		3
Block and Mast Makers ...	2	3
Boat Maker	1	
Boiler Makers	23	4
Book Binders	15	45
Booksellers and Stationers ...	31	68
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	73	58
Bottlers...		3
Brass Finishers...	22	52
Brass Founders...	6	
Brewers...	11	8
Bricklayers	24	20
Brick Makers		3
Brush Makers		26
Builders and Contractors ...	72	12
Butchers	60	45
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	83	166
Cabmen	1	2
Carried forward	1,008	1,108

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward	1,008	1,108
Cab Proprietors	2	
Caretakers	3	9
Carpet Planners	4	4
Carrier	1	
Cartmen and Rolleymen ...	30	26
Cart Proprietor	1	
Cartwrights	1	5
Carvers and Gilders	17	17
Cashiers...	35	17
Cattle Salesmen	2	
Cemetery Superintendent ...	1	
Chair Makers	1	1
Chapel Keeper	1	
Chemists, Analytical	4	5
Chemists and Druggists ...	56	62
China and Glass Dealers ...	4	
Clergymen and Ministers ...	37	45
Clerks and Book Keepers ...	342	1,858
Coach Builders and Coach Painters	17	18
Coachmen and Grooms ...	9	21
Coal Fitters	6	3
Coffee-Mill Makers	2	
Coffee Roasters...	2	1
Collectors	6	6
Colliery Owners	4	
Commercial Travellers... ...	105	92
Consuls and Vice Consul ...	3	1
Coopers	14	5
Cordwainers	3	4
Cork Cutters	3	2
Dairymen and Farmers ...	4	2
Dentists...	6	17
Carried forward	1,734	3,329

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,734	3,329
Dock Superintendent ...	1	
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons ...	32	18
Drapers, Clothiers, & Hosiers ...	174	261
Draughtsmen	25	47
Drill Instructors	2	6
Drysalters	1	3
Dyers	8	8
Electricians	4	8
Elocutionist	1	
Engineers	122	301
Engineers, Civil	11	11
Engineers, Consulting... ...	17	2
Engineers, Mining	13	8
Engine Drivers	7	
Enginemen	9	4
Engravers and Embossers ...	5	17
Errand Boys		103
Farriers	4	4
File Cutter	1	
Firemen	9	13
Fishmongers and Fish Curers...	4	3
Fitters	83	188
Foremen	36	7
French Polishers	4	10
Fruiterers, Florists, & Seedsmen	25	13
Furniture Brokers	4	1
Furriers	2	7
Fuze Makers		2
Gardeners	4	13
Gas Inspectors	8	1
Glass Blowers and Cutters ...	3	5
Glass Painters and Stainers ...	5	11
Gold Beaters		2
Goldsmiths	3	2
Grinders	1	2
Grocers and Provision Dealers	224	284
Hairdressers and Perfumers ...	13	27
Harbour Master's Assistant ...	1	
Hatters	17	14
Hawker	1	
Ice Dealer		1
Iron Founders	5	
Iron Master	1	
Ironmongers	25	59
Japanners	1	2
Jewellers and Watchmakers ...	34	40
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Journalists and Reporters ...	20	28
Labourers	48	46
Lamp Makers	1	1
Last Maker	1	
Lathrender		1
Law Stationers	7	4
Law Students	2	19
Lead Workers	6	2
Leather Dressers		5
Librarians and Assistant Librarians	2	12
Licensed Victuallers & Barmen	44	33
Lithographers	9	23
Carried forward ...	2,979	5,232

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,979	5,232
Machinists	23	18
Managers	19	7
Manufacturers—Biscuit, Brick, Chemical, File, Iron, Leather, Manure, Soap, Tobacco, etc....	70	11
Marble Polishers	1	1
Marine Store Dealers	2	
Master Mariners	12	
Masons	50	35
Match Makers		3
Medical Students	1	51
Mercantile Marine Superintendent	1	
Merchants — Chemical, Coal. Glass, Iron, Leather, Timber, and Wine and Spirit, etc. ...	281	58
Messengers	7	11
Metal Brokers	2	
Millers	14	23
Miners	12	
Mining Manager	1	
Mining Viewers		2
Moulders and Pattern Makers...	60	94
Musicians	20	16
Nail Maker	1	
Naturalist	1	
Newspaper Despatchers ...	4	
Officers, Army	1	11
— Naval		1
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	1	2
— of H.M. Customs	10	14
— of H.M. Excise		2
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	8	11
Opticians	4	9
Overseers	8	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, and Paperhangers	84	96
Paviours	1	1
Pawnbrokers	24	10
Pensioners, Army and Navy ...	3	
Photographers	10	24
Picture Restorer	1	
Pilots	3	
Pipe Makers		2
Plasterers	21	4
Platelayers	12	2
Plater	1	
Plumbers	44	78
Police Officers	13	24
Porters...	18	33
Post-office Officials	5	36
Potato Merchants	10	1
Potters	8	3
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	9	168
Professors of Dancing... ...	1	2
Professors of Languages ...	2	3
Professors of Music	7	4
Publishers	2	2
Pupil Teachers...		144
Quarrymen	1	2
Park Superintendents... ...	1	1
Carried forward...	3,960	6,252

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward...	3,960	6,252
Quay Master and Assistant do.	1	1
Railway Employés	29	34
Rate Collectors	3	4
Registrars	4	
Relieving Officers	3	
Restaurant Keepers	13	3
Rivetters	14	4
Rope Makers	3	3
Saddlers...	10	12
Sail Makers	3	2
Sailors	3	4
Salesmen	8	82
Sawyers	2	3
Scholars		343
School Board Clerk	1	
School Board Inspector ...		1
School Board Officers	4	4
Schoolmasters	34	32
Sculptors and Stone Carvers ...	3	3
Secretaries	14	9
Ship Brokers	30	8
Ship Chandlers...	6	1
Ship Owners	17	
Shipwrights	12	4
Shopkeepers	26	5
Silversmiths	9	3
Skinners	8	3
Slaters	9	5
Smiths	96	103
Soda Water Manufacturers ...	3	1
Solicitors	46	27
Stevedores	3	4
Stock and Share Brokers ...	5	2
Store and Time Keepers ...	12	22
Carried forward ...	4,394	6,984

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	4,394	6,984
Students		160
Surveyors	11	9
Tailors and Cutters	112	114
Tanners and Curriers	19	12
Telegraphists	17	81
Ticket Writers		6
Timber Measurer	1	
Tobacconists	29	22
Town Missionaries and Scripture Readers	6	7
Tramway Manager & Inspector	1	1
Tripe Preparers	1	2
Trunk and Portmanteau Makers	3	4
Turners	18	24
Umbrella Maker		1
Undertakers	2	2
Vaccination Officer	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	5	3
Waiters	10	4
Warder of H.M. Prisons ...	1	
Warehousemen...	61	88
Watermen	8	1
Wharfingers	5	2
Wheelwrights	2	2
Whip Maker		1
Wire Workers	16	19
Yeast Dealer	1	
No Occupation stated	86	269
Total Males	4,810	7,818
Total Females	371	5,003
Total Males and Females	5,181	12,821
Total Number of Readers	18,002	

TABLES VII.
SHOWING THE AGES OF NON-CITIZEN BORROWERS.

	Males.	Females.
From 14 to 20	4,130	1,831
From 21 to 30	2,383	1,685
From 31 to 40	720	746
From 41 to 50	311	346
Carried forward ...	7,544	4,608

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward...	7,544	4,608
From 51 to 60	120	144
From 61 to 73	52	81
Ages not stated	31	170
Total	7,747	5,003

P.S.—The ages of Citizen Borrowers not having been asked for, a Tabulated Statement cannot, therefore, be given.

TABLE VIII.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF READERS FROM EACH OF THE WARDS IN THE CITY.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas'	113	149	262
St. John's	210	292	502
St. Andrew's North ...	657	2,206	2,863
St. Andrew's South ...	210	260	470
All Saints' East ...	607	1,633	2,240
All Saints' West ...	152	130	282
Carried forward	1,949	4,670	6,619

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	1,949	4,670	6,619
Westgate	1,025	2,409	3,434
Elswick	1,300	3,626	4,926
Jesmond	348	964	1,312
Byker	448	914	1,362
Heaton	76	238	314
Non-resident Freemen	35		35
Total	5,181	12,821	18,002

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The Committee have great pleasure in making a highly satisfactory report for the session.

The number of students has been in excess of last session, and the percentage of successes in the Government Examinations held in May being much above the average of the country.

The subjects taught have included, in Government School of Art, Freehand, Model and Perspective, Painting in Oil and Water Colours, and from Cast and Nature.

In Government Science Classes the subjects taught have embraced Machine Construction and Drawing, Mechanical and Geometrical Drawing, Building Construction, Mathematics, Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Magnetism and Electricity, Steam and the Steam Engine, Mining and Mine Surveying, Organic and Inorganic Chemistry.

The total number of students in Science and Art Classes was 220, and at the Government Examinations in May 193 science papers were worked with the result that 133 obtained prizes and certificates, showing 70 per cent., while the average of the whole country has been 66, a result highly gratifying and argues much for the efforts of the teachers in connection with the Institution.

In Art 44 students sat for examination, of whom 15 obtained certificates, the total results being as follows:—2 First-class honours Certificates with Medals, 43 First-class Certificates bearing Queen's Prizes, 86 other Certificates, making 131 awards as against 82 last year.

In the City and Guilds of London Institutes Examinations 1 student gained Honours Certificate, with Silver Medal, and £5, and 2 other students Honours Certificates.

Mr. William Hill, a student in the class of Principles of Mining under Mr. Joseph Proud, Teacher and Certificated Mine Manager, who obtained a First-class Certificate in that subject at the May examinations, has also gained a Certificate under the Mines Regulation Act of 1872, and can now take charge of any colliery in Great Britain.

The most successful student of the year has been Mr. John T. Nicolson, who has gained 2 First-class Honours with Medals, 2 Queen's Prizes, 5 Certificates; also the Local Exhibition of £50, half of which is subscribed locally, and who has now become a student at Edinburgh University to pursue his studies during next session, being entitled as standing highest in the order of merit.

The works of 99 students, sent to London for Government awards in May, were passed as highly creditable.

The Literary and Commercial Classes have been largely attended, and the results as per reports of the teachers highly satisfactory. Instruction was given in the following subjects:—

German (Elementary and Advanced).
French do. do.
Shorthand do. do.
English Grammar and Composition.
Writing (Plain and Ornamental).
Book-keeping, Arithmetic, &c.

The total number of students being 280.

Prizes are awarded to the student in each class who obtains the highest number of marks in examinations and for attendance.

The total number of students receiving instructions in the several classes for the session has been 463, being considerably above the former session, which is a very gratifying result of the facilities offered by the Committee.

The Teachers in the Government Classes, acting under Mr. J. A. G. Ross as principal, have had the entire confidence of the Committee, and the same must be said of the gentlemen associated in the Literary and Commercial Classes.

Two competitions in Oratory in connection with the classes under the "Richard Thompson Bequest," and for which prizes of £2 10s., £1 10s., and £1 are awarded for the best speeches at each competition, were held in the past year. The first was held November 24th, 1882. Subject:—"Earl Beaconsfield as Orator and Statesman," and the second March 30th, 1883—"Mohammedanism and its Influence on Civilization."

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It is a matter of gratification to the Committee to find so much good accruing from the facilities offered, and the excellent teaching given at these classes, and are able to congratulate the public on the excellent working of this portion of the Public Libraries.

The continued interest taken by Mr. R. K. Vinycomb, Honorary Secretary, in the arrangement and general management of the Educational Section of the Public Libraries, entitles him to the thanks of the Committee and the general Public.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

In submitting for your consideration the Fourth Annual Report of the working of the Public Libraries, your Committee is glad to be able to chronicle the continued prosperity of the Institution.

The year has been an eventful one; the most important circumstance being the Inauguration of the Reference Library, together with the formal opening of the new building, on the 20th of August, by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

When the results attained by the different sections of the Institution, together with the Tables appended to this Report, have been read, your Committee is of opinion that it will be conceded that a great educational work is being carried on in the city, and that the facilities offered through the Public Libraries are being taken advantage of by the citizens and residents to an extent scarcely expected by the most sanguine promoters of the Public Library movement.

THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

This section of the Institution was open to the public on 292 days, and during that period 234,126 volumes were issued, being 27,199 volumes fewer than last year. This is in part accounted for by the fact that the

Library was closed on a larger number of days than during the previous year, and your Committee is glad to note further, that nearly 20,000 volumes of the decrease is in class H (Prose Fiction), while the issues in class B (History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels) have increased.

The total circulation in the Lending Libraries in the four years they have been open, has amounted to 1,008,788 volumes, and during the same period only 14 volumes of which your Librarian has no record have been lost. These works cost your Committee the sum of £2 1s. 9d.

During the year 892 volumes have been added, and there is thus a total of 27,174 volumes as the present stock in this department.

After deducting tickets cancelled because of the death, removal, or resignation of borrowers, the year closed with a total of 19,898 Readers' Tickets in use, being the largest number yet registered. Your Committee is, however, of opinion that a considerable number of tickets in the possession of borrowers must have lapsed, from one cause or another; and it has been thought desirable during the ensuing year to have the whole of the tickets called in, so that they may be either renewed, cancelled, or otherwise dealt with. A special feature introduced into this department has been the provision of a number of books in embossed type, for the use of blind persons. Your Committee regret, however, to find that these works have not circulated as was expected, but, at the same time, it is hoped that they will be more largely read when it is generally known that such literature is provided.

THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

The stock in this department now amounts to 1,777 volumes, as against 1,689 last year, being an increase of 88 volumes. The issues have amounted to 35,740, or a decrease of 2,315 on the year. It is satisfactory, however, to state that the class of works most in demand has changed to a large extent, books on History, Biography, Voyages and Travels, Science and Natural History, being preferred to works of Adventure, Tales and Stories.

The Catalogue of this department having been out of print for some time, the newer borrowers have been placed at a great disadvantage, but the Committee hope to have ready at an early date, a new edition with the recent additions brought up to date.

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

This Library now contains 3,343 volumes, being an addition of 81 volumes during the year. The issues have amounted to 2,566 separate

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The thanks of the Committee and the commercial public are due to the Comptroller-General of Patents (H. Reader Lack, Esq.) for his kindness in supplying a number of the Specifications which were found to be missing on the transfer of the collection from the Library of the Literary and Philosophical Society to the Public Library.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

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490,922 separate visits were paid to this room during the year, or a daily average of nearly 1,700, being a large increase on the previous year; and your Committee is satisfied that large as this number is, it would be doubled if the Committee had at its disposal a room considerably larger than the present one.

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THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

During the past year the attention of your Committee has been specially directed to the selection and purchase of a series of valuable works, so as to make the stock in this department more nearly equal

to the demands likely to be made upon the chief Public Library of Reference in the Northern Counties, special attention being given to securing the works of standard authors, and the principal collections of a representative character.

At the inauguration it was found that the entire stock (including the Specifications of Patents) amounted to 22,165 volumes, or an increase, on the numbers stated in last Report, of 4,507. Among the more important additions made during the year the following may be enumerated in the order of the classification :—

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Candle Manufacture; Curtis' British Entomology; Cuvier's Animal Kingdom; Daniel's Physics; Dresser's Monograph of the Meropidæ; Forbes and Hanley's British Mollusca; Gamgee's Physiological Chemistry; Gatty's British Sea-Weeds; Gegenbaur's Comparative Anatomy; Greenwell's Mine Engineering; Hassall's British Fresh-Water Algæ; Hewitson's British Oology, Diurnal Lepidoptera, and Exotic Butterflies; Hinck's British Hydroid Zoophytes; Holtzapffel's Turning; Hunt's History of British Mining; Jeffrey's British Conchology; Leighton's Lichen Flora of Great Britain; Lewis' Ancient Astronomy; Lindley's British Fruits; Lindley and Hutton's Fossil Flora; Linnæus' System of Nature; Loudon's Ladies' Flower Garden; Low's Breeds of Domestic Animals; Medlicott and Blanford's Geology of India; Muller's Fertilization of Flowers; Owen's History of British Fossil Reptiles; Seaton's Marine Engineering; Sennett's Marine Steam Engine; Sowerby's Mineral Conchology; Teigler's Pathological Anatomy.

Class D.—Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.—Allen's History of Yorkshire; Armstrong's History of Liddesdale; Audsley's Art of Chromo-Lithography; Baillie's Works; Burgess' Eidodendron: Borlase's Antiquities of Cornwall; Britton's Cathedral Antiquities of Great Britain; Bruce's Handbook to the Roman Wall, new edition; Carter's Ancient Architecture; España Artistica y Monumental; Finden's Gallery of British Art; Flaxman's Compositions; Genick's Griechische Keramik; Guillim's Heraldry; Heaphy's The Likeness of Christ; Jones' Grammar of Ornament; Kenyon's Gold Coins; King's Study-Book of Mediæval Architecture; Landseer's Works; Les Arts Somptuaires; Martin's Monastic Annals of Teviotdale; Murray's History of Greek and Roman Sculpture; National Gallery; Ottley's Facsimile Specimens of the Early Masters; Pierotti's Jerusalem Explored; Pugin's Floriated Ornament; Richardson's Monastic Ruins of Yorkshire; Scott's Provincial Antiquities of Scotland; Turner's Picturesque Views of England and Wales; Walker's Analysis of Beauty in Women; Wicks' Spires and Towers of Mediæval Churches of England; Wise's New Forest.

Class E.—Jurisprudence, Politics, Commerce, and Statistics.—Census Returns and Population Tables; Francis' Chronicles of the Stock Exchange; Grant's Recollections of the House of Lords, and House of Commons; Mackenzie's Studies in Roman Law; Martineau's Tales of Political Economy; Moffat's Economy of Consumption; Our Northern Industries; Priestley's Inland Navigation; Rogers' Protests of the Lords, and Six Centuries of Work and Wages; Speeches, by Curran, O'Connel, and Sheil; The Statutes at Large; The Statutes of the Realm; Trial of Queen Caroline; Wilson's Reciprocity.

Class F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias.—Biographie des Musiciens; Blackburne's Catalogue Titles and Index Entries; Bosworth's Anglo-Saxon Dictionary; Dibdin's Picturesque Tour in France and Germany; Grant's Newspaper Press; Grave's Dictionary of Artists; Mure's Literature of Ancient Greece; Murray's Dictionary of the English Language, Part I.; Petzholdt's Adressbuch der Bibliotheken, und Bibliotheca Bibliographica; Sayce's Science of Language; Stormonth's English Dictionary; Taylor's The Alphabet; Wright's Anglo-Saxon Vocabulary.

Class G.—Poetry, and the Drama.—Ayscough and Twiss' Indices to Shakespeare; Child's English and Scottish Popular Ballads; Halliwell-Phillipps' Calendar of the Stratford Records; Percy's Folio MS.; Robin Hood Ballads; Shakespeare's Works—Staunton's Facsimile of the First Folio, Cambridge Edition, Chalmers, Malone (variorum), and Steevens; Southey's Poetical Works; Wordsworth's Poetical Works.

Class H.—Prose Fiction.—Besant's Dorothy Forster; Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry; Clouston's Book of Sindibad; Corbett's Cassandra; Hogg's Tales of the *Ettrick Shepherd*; Smith's Christopher Tadpole.

Class J.—Miscellaneous Literature.—*Classics.*—Plato, Works of, translated by Sydenham and Taylor; Sophocles, translated by Jebb. *Collected Works.*—Bede, edited by Giles; Cowper, edited by Southey; Fielding, edited by Stephen; Keats, edited by Forman; Lardner, with Life, by Kippis; Milton, edited by Mitford; Poe, the Amontillado Edition; Shelley, edited by Forman; Schoshee Chunder Dutt; and Wilson, edited by Ferrier. *Magazines and Reviews.*—Builder; Contemporary; Engineer; Fortnightly; Intellectual Observer; Journal of the Society of Arts; Newcastle Magazine; Practical Mechanics' Journal; Reliquary; Vom Fels zum Meer. *Transactions of Societies.*—Archæologia Æliana; Biblical Archæology; British Museum publications; Hunterian Club; Index Society; Iron and Steel Institute; Mechanical Engineers; North Staffordshire Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers; Palestine Exploration; Pipe Roll Society; Royal Geographical Society; Shakespeare Society, and New Shakespeare Society; Smithsonian Institution. *Miscellaneous Literature.*—Cambridge, Edinburgh, and Oxford Essays.

As the time approached for the opening of the Reference Library, it was thought desirable by your Committee to remove the temporary staircase leading thereto, and to replace the same by one of a more substantial character, and so altered in design as to ensure perfect safety to the public using the Reference Department.

At this period the collection of books had not only been arranged upon the shelves in classified order, but the work of cataloguing the volumes was being rapidly proceeded with. The system of catalogue adopted is that known as the Alphabetical-Index form, each book being catalogued under author or authors, translator or translators, editor or editors, the title, and the subject; together with a series of exhaustive cross-references to special matter treated of in the work, but not necessarily indicated on the title page. In addition the whole of the books and pamphlets contained in this department of a local character are being specially catalogued, so as to form a North Country bibliography, in which a complete register of books and pamphlets printed either at Newcastle or in the Northern Counties is given, together with the writings of North Country authors, where known, regardless of the place of publication.

Your Committee, after mature deliberation, unanimously decided not to print the catalogue of the Reference Library, as of necessity, several classes, or sub-divisions of classes, would be found to be anything but representatively complete. At this stage the Chief Librarian prepared a Report on the various systems of MS. catalogues in use, and strongly advocated therein the desirability of your Committee adopting the "Card Catalogue," as the one most likely to meet the wants of students and others frequenting a Library of Reference.

The "Card Catalogue" was originally an American invention, but your Committee is of opinion that, both in the arrangement of the cabinet, the fixing of the cards in the drawers, and the material used in the manufacture of the cards, Mr. Haggerston has made a distinct advance upon anything that had previously been accomplished in the provision of a card catalogue for use by a large number of readers. By this simple but ingenious mechanical arrangement, the Catalogue, in all its various sections, is always to be found in a state of perfect alphabetical sequence, and the addition of new books from time to time in no way interferes with the work previously done. The whole of the books in the Reference Library are not yet catalogued, several of the more important classes have been dealt with, and the work is in progress, and when the whole of the stock has been similarly treated, it is expected that the number of separate catalogue entries, under author, subject, and title, will exceed 100,000.

The painting and decoration of the Reference Library, the staircase, and vestibule was entrusted to Mr. George G. Laidler of this city, and when completed met with the approbation of your Committee, and of the public generally.

The proposed visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., to Newcastle, suggested to the Committee the desirability, if possible, of obtaining the consent of His Royal Highness to inaugurate the Public Libraries, and your Committee take this opportunity of thanking the Right Worshipful the Mayor (Dr. Newton), for the great and signal service which he conferred upon this Institution, by securing for the Public Libraries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne the distinguished privilege of being the first Institution established under the "Public Libraries Acts" which had been inaugurated by the Heir Apparent to the Throne.

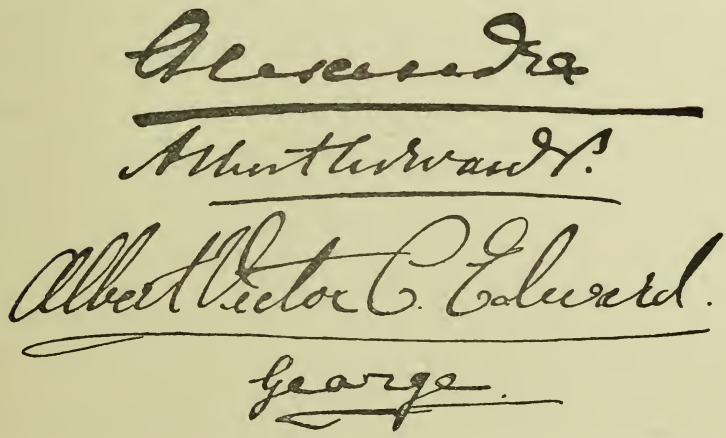
During the afternoon of Wednesday, August 20th, 1884, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, Prince Albert Victor C. Edward, and Prince George of Wales arrived at the Public Library, which had been specially decorated for the occasion by Messrs. Sopwith & Co., Northumberland Street, the floral decorations being kindly supplied by the Parks Committee. Amongst others present, in addition to the Royal party, may be mentioned the Right Worshipful the Mayor (Dr. Henry W. Newton, Chairman of the Public Libraries, and Parks Committees) and Mrs. Mayoress, His Grace the Duke of Sutherland, Lord and Lady Hastings, Lord Colville of Culross, Sir William George and Lady Armstrong, the Hon. C. R. Spencer, M.P., G. J. Howard, Esq., M.P., Colonel Potter, C.B., Colonel Clarke, the Mayors and Mayoresses of Tynemouth, Gateshead, South Shields, and Jarrow; the Aldermen and Members of the City Council, the Members of the Public Libraries Committee, the Recorder, the Town Clerk, the City Treasurer, and the City Engineer of Newcastle, John H. Amos, Esq., Committee Clerk, the Chief Librarian (Mr. W. J. Haggerston), Joseph Crisp, Esq., Chairman of the South Shields Public Library. The Library Association of the United Kingdom was represented by Sir James A. Picton, F.S.A., Chairman of the Liverpool Public Libraries, J. D. Mullens, Esq., Chief Librarian, Birmingham Public Libraries, and Ernest C. Thomas, Esq., B.A., Hon. Secretary of the Library Association and Editor of *The Library Chronicle.*

The Mayor of Newcastle, in asking His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to open the Reference Department, said:—"I have the honour to invite your Royal Highness to inaugurate the permanent building, and to open the Reference Department of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library. It is established under the provisions of the Public Libraries Act of 1850, which was promoted in Parliament by the late William Ewart, to whose memory the catalogue of this institution is dedicated. So great has been the success which has attended the establishment of

rate-supported libraries in this country that, at the present time, there are more than one hundred in active operation in cities and towns with populations varying from six thousand to half-a-million inhabitants. The number of volumes contained in these libraries exceeds 1,775,000, while the issue over the year is little short of 11,000,000 volumes. The Reference Library which your Royal Highnesses have graced to-day with your Royal presence and approval contains 20,000 volumes, many of which are both rare and valuable, while all are useful. The entire stock in the Newcastle Library is 50,000 volumes, and during the 3½ years the Provisional Lending Library has been open to the public 1,000,000 volumes have been issued for home reading, while during the same period only 14 volumes have been lost. The beneficent influence of this and similar institutions, with their vast circulations, must be great indeed. They will carry onward and upward the work of the public elementary schools, and supply a deficiency in our system of national education. Carlyle says, "The true university of these days is a collection of books," and there is none better than a Public Library, with its vast stores of intellectual wealth, within reach of all who desire to enjoy its advantages."

The Prince of Wales said:—"I have great pleasure, ladies and gentlemen, in announcing that this Reference Library is now open."

The Mayor of Newcastle then presented Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales with beautifully bound copies of the Catalogues of the Public Library. The Mayor then said, "I have one more favour to ask, and that is that you will graciously sign your names in the Visitors' Book." The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the young Princes granted the request, and their signatures appear in the following order:—



The proceedings then closed, and the Royal party left the Reference Library, the Princess of Wales being escorted by the Mayor of Newcastle, and the Mayoress of Newcastle by the Prince of Wales. The Royal party were conducted through the lending department by the Mayor, to whom their Royal Highnesses expressed their appreciation of the collection of books, and the general arrangements of the Library. Particular interest was manifested by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales in the mode of issuing books (so well known as the Elliott Indicator System), which was fully explained to their Royal Highnesses by the Mayor.

The Reference Library was opened for public use on Monday, September the 1st, and, on the 17 week days which elapsed prior to the close of the Library year 4,541 volumes were consulted, being a daily average of 267. On reference to Tables IX.–XI., pages 27–29, it will be seen that the class of works most in demand were of a high standard, and that the persons using the Library were representative of all classes of the community.

In concluding this notice of the Reference Library, it has been thought advisable to reprint the following articles which appeared in the *Athenæum* and the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* respectively.

(*From the* "ATHENÆUM," *August 30th, 1884, No. 2966, page 275.*)

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT NEWCASTLE.

"THE opening of the Public Library is the first occasion on which royalty has visited any of the libraries established under the Libraries Act. Although Newcastle was late in establishing its library, it has been second to no town in the energy and public spirit manifested in connection with it. The lending department was opened in 1880, and since then over a million volumes have been issued for home reading, while the number of visitors to the magazine and news-rooms is over 1,700 daily. During the whole of this period only fourteen volumes have been lost.

"On the same day on which the lending department was opened, the foundation stone of the present building was laid. It is a handsome structure, and the main room on the first floor, which is intended for the reference department, is a beautiful apartment 130 feet long. At the opening ceremony the Library Association was represented by Sir James Picton, Chairman of the Liverpool Public Libraries; Mr. J. D. Mullins, Chief Librarian of the Birmingham Public L braries; and Mr. Ernest C. Thomas, Hon. Secretary of the Association.

"The number of volumes already contained in the two departments of the library is about fifty thousand. The lending department, on the ground floor, is fitted with the indicator, and the arrangements throughout are of the most efficient kind. The catalogue of the lending department, issued some time ago, was an advance upon anything hitherto accomplished in the way of a catalogue for popular use. The card

catalogue of the reference library, which is now in preparation, is doubtless destined to increase Mr. Haggerston's well-earned reputation. Newcastle has a library of which it may well be proud, and which will certainly take a leading part in the library work of the future. This notice would not be complete if it did not record the services rendered to the library by Dr. Newton, the Mayor, who is also Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee, and who has lived to see the completion of a scheme which was originally proposed by his father as far back as 1854."

(*From the* "NEWCASTLE DAILY CHRONICLE," *Thursday, August 21st, 1884.*)

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

"THERE are few institutions of which Newcastle has more reason to be proud than her Public Library. But, like every other good thing, it had difficulties to encounter before it got established. It is thirty years now since the late Dr. Newton, father of the present Mayor of Newcastle, moved in the Town Council "that a committee be appointed to report upon the necessary measures for the promotion of a Free Library." The motion was carried, and a committee appointed, but time was needed to mature the project. What the sire proposed, the son has accomplished. A generation has passed between the suggestion and its achievement. But for the resolute, yet temperate, attitude of the Mayor during a "ten years conflict," the city would in all probability have still been without this vitally important institution. Books, good books, Milton reminds us, are "the ethereal and fifth essence and life's blood of man embalmed and treasured up for a life beyond life." Those who were privileged to be present at the opening of the lending or circulating section of the Public Library remember how the duty of the day—13th September, 1880—was entrusted to the senior member for Newcastle, John Stuart Mill's work on "Liberty" being the book selected by Mr. Joseph Cowen, M.P., as the first to pass into circulation. Knowledge is power, knowledge is freedom, and this work by one of the greatest thinkers of the age symbolised the purpose of Newcastle's Public Library. Coincident with the opening ceremony was the publication of the catalogue. That catalogue, so unique in its way, is an embodiment of the genius and enterprise of the Chief Librarian.

"From the first, a reference library had been steadily kept in view, and since the opening of the lending section of the institution nothing was left undone that promised to contribute to the efficiency of the reference department. Thoughtful students are continually being reminded of the inadequacy of language to express ideas with sufficient precision. A book of reference is a book to be consulted as occasion requires. It would, however, be a mistake to assume that this is only a library for occasional consultation. There are, indeed, many books there to which occasional reference may be enough. But a large proportion of the works should be subjected to systematic study. "The Correlation of Physical Forces" has been ingeniously illustrated by an eminent judge. Thought, which is the most subtle and most potent of all forces, is in its various ramifications quite as effectually correlated as are the powers of the material universe. Nowhere is this interdependence so clearly seen as in the study of the master works of human speculation. There are temples, imposing in their architectural proportions, that when penetrated are found to enshrine very insig-

nificant deities. But in the temple of knowledge it is different. Light is its symbol. The student is grateful to those thinkers of the race who have co-ordinated science. To represent nature as one great whole, moved and animated by internal forces, has ever been the dream of the more profound type of philosophers. Happily, the special departments in the great domain of knowledge are capable of being reciprocally fructified. It is only, however, in a library that the opportunities for this fructification present themselves in all their breadth and amplitude. The great libraries that have lived through centuries furnish unambiguous evidence of the spirit of the age in which they were originally organised. The institutions which the Public Libraries Act has called into existence follow the same law. Nothing could be more cosmopolitan than the temper in which this reference library has been created, nevertheless it has not escaped the subtle influence of the age. Indeed, had that been possible, it would have only inadequately fulfilled its mission; for, though the heir of all the ages, it must also be in a special sense a mirror of the times. To those in any degree familiar with the currents of modern thought the fact that the reference section of the Public Library contains some fifteen or sixteen different "Lives" of Christ will not appear at all extraordinary. Without this accumulation of biographies the institution would have been incomplete on a most important subject. What perhaps is still more curious than the number of those lives, is the circumstance that they all belong essentially to the present age. A work on this subject by Fleetwood—in circulation half a century ago—showed how comparatively slight had been the attention given to this august theme prior to the publication of the "Leben Jesu," by David Frederick Strauss. The lucid style of that work, together with the acuteness and learning which it displayed, were universally recognised. In England, we are more familiar with Renan than Strauss; the latter, however, is the profounder writer. During the last decade, no books have been more popular, whether in England or America, than works which are in fact, if not in form, answers to the illustrious German. But the age has almost forgotten what is in many respects the best of them. We refer now to the great work of that prince of Church historians, Augustus Neander. Herder asked: "Who, indeed, after John, could venture to write the Life of Christ?" Nevertheless, the task has been attempted by a whole legion of theologians. In connection with these works, another set of apologetic volumes merits attention; our reference now is to the "Bampton Lectures." In these lectures are embodied much of all that is valuable in the theological and philosophical speculation of the age. Bishop Hampden's famous work on "The Scholastic Philosophy," which aroused so fierce an ecclesiastical controversy some forty years ago, forms part of the great historic collection. "Rivers of Faith," the publications of the Calvin, and the Parker Societies, and kindred works, are here brought together. The great antiquary and the great theologian differed considerably, but on the shelves of the Reference Library these differences are forgotten. The "Records of the English Province of the Society of Jesus" are deeply interesting to all Northern students. Northumberland was a border-land where the ancient faith long maintained a death-struggle with the new creed. Even the eloquence and energy of Knox, who spent some of the best years of his life in this region, failed to uproot it. The society which the genius of Loyola founded is one of the most remarkable examples of organisation and devotion the world ever witnessed, and the story of its northern martyrs enshrined in these "Records" has an intense human interest. Forlong's "Rivers of Faith" is an elucida-

tion of primitive beliefs by the historic method. The great results which that method yields have naturally led to its extension. From the example before us it seems quite as fitted to track the genesis of faith as the genesis of language. To all interested in the careers of those eminent Englishmen, Cardinals Newman and Manning, it will be pleasant to know that their multifarious writings are in this library. The best edition of another eminent theologian's works is also found there. A few days ago, the Prime Minister paid an emphatic tribute to Bishop Butler. No writings of the past century are so constantly reprinted as those of the great thinker who filled the see of Durham in 1751. More, perhaps, than any writer of his epoch Butler enables us to understand that vanished age. His books, however, dealing with the eternal verities, are not for an age, but for all time.

"These words remind us that from Homer downwards the world's deathless singers are here as ready to gladden mankind with their melody as when the flood gates of song first opened for the race. The published volumes of the "History of the Pacific States of America," by Bancroft, form an admirable beginning of that complete representation of the literature of the New World, which we hope ere many years elapse to find in Newcastle. It is scarcely creditable to the old home that the institutions and the polity of America are not subjected to a more complete and systematic study. In the sphere of History and Philosophy immense attention has recently been given to Greece. Mitford did an important service to Greek studies not merely by his own work, but from the fact that his book awoke the historic muse of Grote. The zeal with which Englishmen gave themselves to Hellenic studies aroused a kindred enthusiasm on the Continent. The results of the united investigations of German and English scholars are here brought together, and despite the tendency in certain quarters to depreciate English thinkers, they hold their own. "Swedenborg; or, The Mystic" is Emerson's classification of that philosophic theologian. Here are his works, for those anxious to penetrate the secret of the universe as it disclosed itself to that colossal soul. Among the curiosities of this library there is a book which few would dream had been produced in Newcastle—an Arabic Bible bearing the imprint of Sarah Hodgson, 1811, presented by Dr. Bruce. The book does infinite credit to the printer. A mathematical library, forty years in collection, has found a resting-place on those shelves. For all interested in Arctic travel, there is a complete set of the works of those daring navigators who, from age to age, have sought under Northern skies to steal the secret hid beneath the polar twilight. How full of tragedy is this history of adventure, in which the most superb physical endurance is sublimed by intense moral enthusiasm, giving the lie to the assumption that either heroism or chivalry belongs to a buried past."

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

It was intimated in the last Annual Report that the Trustees of the Thomlinson Library had decided not to accept of the offer that had been made by your Committee, for the transfer of that collection to the Public Library. During the past year, however, negotiations were re-opened with the Trustees, and that body, finding that it was impossible to raise by subscription the amount required to put the books and building into

a perfect state of repair, agreed to approach the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, asking that a scheme should be prepared for the transfer of the books. A draft of this scheme was submitted to your Committee, and Robert Spence Watson, Esq., LL.D., Chairman of the Books Sub-Committee, was requested, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, to submit to the Trustees and the Commissioners such alterations as would be necessary to meet the views of your Committee in the matter.

The alterations and suggestions of your Committee were agreed to by the Thomlinson Trustees and the Charity Commissioners, and the following is a copy of the scheme for the future management of this Charity :—

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CHARITY COMMISSION.

In the matter of the Reverend Dr. Thomlinson's Library, and the endowment of Walter Blackett, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and
In the matter of "The Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1869."

WHEREAS an application in writing, dated the 6th day of November, 1883, for the purposes of the following Order, was made to the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, in the matter of the above-mentioned Charity, by

Thomas George Gibson, Esquire, the then Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne aforesaid;
The Venerable George Hans Hamilton, Archdeacon of Northumberland;
The Reverend Arthur Thomas Lloyd, Vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne aforesaid; and
The Reverend John Reed, Lecturer at the Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

Who were then the persons acting in the administration of the said Charity:

AND WHEREAS the endowment of the said Charity consists of the particulars mentioned in the second Schedule hereto; AND the gross annual income of the said Charity does not amount to £50:

AND WHEREAS there are not any legally constituted Trustees of the said Charity:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that Trustees thereof should be appointed; AND that the legal estate in the real property belonging thereto should

be vested in trust for the said Charity in manner hereinafter mentioned; And that a Scheme should be established for the future regulation of the said Charity:

And whereas notice of the intention of the said Board to make an Order for the foregoing objects has been published by the affixing of the same, according to the direction of the said Board, to or near a principal outer door of the Parish Church and Town Hall respectively of Newcastle-upon-Tyne aforesaid, on the 18th day of December, 1883, being in each case more than one calendar month previously to the date hereof:

And whereas no notice of any sufficient objection to the said proposed Order has been receeived by the said Board:

Now the said Board do hereby Order, that

The Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
The Archdeacon of Northumberland,
The Vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and
The Lecturer of the Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
And their successors in office for the time being, in right and during tenure of their respective offices,

Be, and they are, hereby appointed to be the Trustees for the administration of the said Charity:

And the said Board do further Order that the right to sue for, recover, and receive, and to give receipts and discharges for all sums of money, rents in arrear, and choses in action, due to or recoverable for the benefit of the said Charity, Do Vest in the present holders of the said respective offices individually, their executors, administrators, and assigns, in trust for the said Charity:

And that the hereditaments mentioned in the said second Schedule hereto, and all other real estate and hereditaments (if any) belonging to or held in trust for the said Charity, and all term and estate therein, not being copyhold, together with the appurtenances, Do Vest in "The Official Trustee of Charity Lands" and his successors, in trust for the said Charity:

And the said Board do further Order that the Scheme set forth in the first Schedule hereto be approved and established as the Scheme for the future regulation of the said Charity.

First Schedule.

SCHEME.

The Trustees shall be at liberty to hand over the books comprised or to be comprised in the said Library to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Newcastle-upon-Tyne aforesaid, to be placed by them in the Public Library, and to be subject to the rules and regulations of such Public Library, provided always that each book so to be handed over shall be prominently labelled or marked with the words "Thomlinson Library," and that the person to be from time to time nominated by the said Trustees for the purpose shall be Librarian of the said Thomlinson Library, and, as such Librarian, shall annually compare the books comprised therein with the Catalogue, and report thereon to the said Trustees.

Out of the annual income of the said Charity £25 a year shall be paid to the said Librarian, and the residue shall be paid to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, to be laid out in the purchase of books for the said Thomlinson Library.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

A Library, or Room, on the second floor above the Vestries of and belonging to the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with the use of the common staircase leading thereto and to the upper Vestry of the said Cathedral Church.

A rent-charge of £30, charged upon and issuing out of a moiety of certain lands and hereditaments in the Township of Kearsley, in the County of Northumberland, belonging to Miss Mary Ann Hedley.

Sealed by order of the Board this 1st day of April, 1884.

L.S.

HENRY M. VANE,
Secretary.

The removal of the books will be proceeded with at once. Your Committee trust, however, that the City Council will make a special grant of the money necessary to rebind the collection, so as to make the books available for public use. The major portion of the volumes are in a very worn and dilapidated condition, and as the penny rate is no more than sufficient to meet the demands made upon the Committee to sustain in a thorough state of efficiency the various departments of the Institution, it would in the opinion of your Committee be manifestly unfair to saddle that body with this necessarily somewhat large expenditure, the more so that your Committee is satisfied that it has already done a great work in rescuing the collection from permanent decay, and that a somewhat and sufficiently heavy responsibility already rests with it before the Thomlinson Library shall have been thoroughly overhauled, entered in the stock-books, and efficiently catalogued.

CONFERENCES.

Messrs. Carse, Vinycomb, Warden, and your Librarian attended (as a deputation from this Committee) the Thirty-seventh Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, held at Blaydon, September 17th, under the presidency of Joseph Cowen, Esq., M.P.

The work of the Library was dealt with by Mr. Carse, who gave some very interesting statistics of the books consulted in the Reference Library, during the short time it has been open; and Mr. Vinycomb addressed his remarks to the very successful character of the Science, Art, and General Classes carried on by the Educational Department of the Public Library.

DEPUTATIONS.

A number of Deputations, individual members of Library Committees, Librarians, and others interested in Public Libraries, Mechanics' Institutes, and kindred Institutions, have paid visits to your Libraries during the past year, among others may be mentioned, deputations from the Library Committees of Aberdeen, Blyth, Darlington, Gateshead, and Preston, General satisfaction was expressed at the arrangements and working of the Newcastle Libraries.

DONATIONS.

A number of valuable books and pamphlets have been presented to the Library during the year, amounting to 648 volumes. The chief donors have been the Governments of the United States of America, Canada, and New South Wales; the Councils of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Surtees Society, and the Swedenborg Society; the Trustees of the British Museum; William Beer, Esq., I. Lowthian Bell, Esq., Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, LL.D., D.C.L., George Davison, Esq., Mr. Councillor Henzell, and Richard Welford, Esq.

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The work accomplished in this department of the Public Library (which is managed by the Educational Sub-Committee) has been of a very satisfactory character. The students though not so numerous as in the previous year have done excellent work, the results at the Government Examination in May last being very gratifying.

The subjects taught in the Science Classes included:—Machine Construction, and Drawing; Mechanical, and Geometrical Drawing; Building Construction; Mathematics; Applied, and Theoretical Mechanics; Steam; Mining; Organic, and Inorganic Chemistry.

In Art:—Freehand, and Model Drawing; Perspective; Drawing from the Cast; Oil, and Water-Colour Painting.

The number of students in these Classes was 180, and at the Examination 198 Science Papers were worked, and 139 papers secured Prizes and Certificates, showing a pass list of 70 per cent., a result highly creditable to our excellent staff of Teachers under the personal direction of Mr. J. A. G. Ross, M.I.M.E., as Principal.

In the Art Section out of 23 students who sat 17 obtained passes, while the work of those students which was sent to London for Government Examination in May, was passed as satisfactory.

The Classes held under the City and Guilds of London Institute were well attended, especially the Carriage Building Class under Mr. John Philipson, numbering 35 students, 15 of whom obtained Certificates, Mr. R. Chalmers obtained a Silver Medal and a Prize of £3, while a Bronze Medal and £3 were awarded in another subject to Mr. J. H. Smith.

The Committee regret that the Carriage Building Class has been moved to the College of Physical Science of which Mr. Philipson is a Member of Council.

The Literary and Commercial Classes embraced Teaching in the following subjects:—French, Elementary and Advanced; German, Elementary and Advanced; Shorthand, Elementary and Advanced; English Grammar, and Composition; Writing, and Book-keeping; Arithmetic, and Mensuration; Latin, and a Debating Class.

The number of students in these Classes was 260, and useful prizes in books were awarded to those who showed the highest number of marks for attendance and excellence combined.

The total number of students in all classes was 415, to whom a large amount of useful instruction has been given which must prove highly beneficial to most of the young men and women associated with this Department.

The Teachers have earned the thanks of the Committee for their attention and diligence in their several subjects.

Two Competitions in Oratory were held under the Richard Thompson Bequest, the first on November 30th, 1883, Subject:—"Martin Luther: his Life and Times," and the second on March 28th, 1884, Subject:—"The advantages derived by Great Britain from the Scientific and Mechanical Discoveries of the present Century." Prizes of £2 10s., £1 10s., and £1 were awarded for the three best speeches in each Competition.

The general results of the Educational Department are highly gratifying and form a very important and beneficial portion of the good work arising from the labours of the Public Libraries Committee, and cannot fail to influence for good the futures of many who have availed themselves of the advantages offered.

Your Committee would be wanting in their duty did they not place on record their appreciation of the arduous and voluntary services so ungrudgingly given from year to year by Mr. R. K. Vinycomb, who has acted so long as Hon. Secretary to the Educational Department and to whose untiring zeal the success achieved is in a marked degree owing.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY WILLIAM NEWTON,

January 30th, 1885. CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report ...		26,282	
Added during the year :—			
By Gift	57		
By Purchase	835		
		892	
Total Stock in Lending Library			27,174

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report ...		17,658	
Added during the year :—			
By Gift, including Patents	591		
By Purchase	3,916		
		4,507	
Total Stock in Reference Library			22,165

TOTAL STOCK.

Total Stock of volumes in both departments from all sources :—		
From Mechanics' Institute Library	2,003	
By Gift, including 3,343 volumes of Patents	6,642	
By Purchase	40,694	
		49,339

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN REFERENCE AND LENDING LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	1,490	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels ...	3,261	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,009	
D.—Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities	1,729	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics ...	1,755	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias	1,547	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	817	
H.—Prose Fiction	325	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature: including The Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and the Transactions of Societies	5,889	
	18,822	
Publications of the Patent Office	3,343	
Total Reference Stock...		22,165

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,159	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels ...	6,402	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,322	
D.—Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities	1,181	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics ...	820	
F.—Philology, and Education	326	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,343	
H.—Prose Fiction	6,955	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	3,889	
K.—Juvenile Literature	1,777	
		27,174
Total Stock in both Libraries		49,339

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED DURING THE FOUR YEARS THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN OPEN.

7,801 Volumes have been bound or re-bound, at a cost of £522 17s. 7d., or an average of 1s. 4d. per volume.

181 Volumes have been lost or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

26 Volumes have been lost or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

21 Volumes have been worn out and replaced by the Committee, at a cost of £2 3s. 4d.

10 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee, at a cost of £1 9s. 8d., in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace can be found.

14 Volumes have been lost, of which no trace whatever can be found, the cost of which has been £2 1s. 9d.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Bainbridge Holme, by Mitchell, 2 vols.; Lays of Ancient Rome, by Macaulay; Mansfield Park, by Austen; Noble Deeds of Women, by Starling; Seven Days in London, by Gosman; The Barton Experiment, by Habberton; Uncle Tom's Cabin for Children, edited by Crowe; Arabella Stuart, by James; Life, by Lacordaire; Tales of Military Life, vol. I.; Ten Years' Tenant, by Besant and Rice; Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry, by Carleton; Flag Lieutenant, by Sadler.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY AND ANNUAL ISSUES IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUES, THE TOTAL ISSUES, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUES.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1883.													
September 20th to 29th	113	532	236	113	71	40	131	4,482	621	1,131	7,470	9	830
October	459	1,877	877	366	193	174	395	12,470	1,958	3,453	22,222	27	823
November	448	2,032	872	424	196	136	416	12,251	2,045	3,700	22,520	26	862
December	371	1,829	657	363	164	103	370	12,185	1,826	3,210	21,078	24	878
1884.													
January	406	1,921	837	355	165	129	396	12,141	1,685	3,166	21,201	24	883
February	433	2,119	885	421	201	140	411	11,543	2,058	3,329	21,540	25	861
March	395	1,902	806	381	184	106	410	11,783	2,025	3,540	21,532	26	828
April	297	1,591	753	285	101	97	285	11,050	1,618	3,134	19,211	24	800
May	272	1,557	640	268	102	73	248	11,025	1,577	2,963	18,725	27	693
June*	87	641	271	118	41	44	84	4,635	621	1,157	7,699	16	481
July	226	1,464	625	258	114	129	306	11,176	1,578	2,393	18,269	27	684
August*	247	1,506	669	225	99	91	261	10,530	1,539	2,416	17,583	20	879
September 1st to 19th	198	1,509	584	273	88	84	219	8,731	1,242	2,148	15,076	17	886
Total Issue in each Class ...	3,952	20,480	8,712	3,850	1,719	1,346	3,932	134,002	20,393	35,740	234,126	292	801·8
Class Percentage of Entire Issue	1·69	8·75	3·72	1·64	·73	·58	1·68	57·23	8·71	15·27	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	14	70	30	13	6	5	13	459	70	122	802		
No. of Volumes in Stock ...	2,159	6,402	2,322	1,181	820	326	1,343	6,955	3,889	1,777	27,174		
Turn Over	1·83	3·19	3·75	3·26	2·09	4·12	2·92	19·26	5·24	20·11	8·61		

* Library closed from June 23rd to 29th, and from August 18th to 23rd inclusive.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve of the Principal Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Annual Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Annual Issues in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issues.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,425	2	8,526	45,357	378,812	8·35	15,455	285,967	18·50	75·49
2	Birmingham	1860	400,757	5	23,000	53,000	471,000	8·88	17,000	298,000	17·52	63·26
3	Manchester	1852	341,508	6	37,518	96,493	670,110	6·94	25,167	449,755	17·87	67·11
4	Leeds	1870	309,126	22	16,960	89,584	568.342	6·34	40,998*	379,124	9·24	66·70
5	Sheffield	1855	284,410	4	13,141	62,655	387,219	6·18	15,587	240,811	15·44	62·18
6	Salford	1849	176,233	4	7,712	38,404	229,909	5·98	20,083	189,903	9·45	82·59
7	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	19,898	27,174	234,126	8·61	6,955	134,002	19·26	57·23
8	Leicester	1871	122,351	1	1,933	14,273	138,909	9·73	6,113	107,283	17·54	77·23
9	Preston	1879	96,532	1	8,914	11,566	102,566	8·86	2,785	71,404	25·63	69·61
10	Norwich	1857	87,843	1	2,500	8,089	48,906	6·04	2,466	32,586	13·21	66·62
11	Wolverhampton	1869	75,738	1	18,177	22,029	48,560	2·20	6,729	32,881	4·88	67·71
12	Rochdale†	1872	68,865	1	5,000	24,987	51,487	2·06	9,198‡	36,584	3·97	71·05
13	Wigan	1878	48,196	1	8,090	7,960	57,046	7·16	3,049‡	37,570	12·32	65·85

* Includes Poetry and the Drama; estimated at about 3½ per cent. † Only open 142 days in consequence of fire. ‡ Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 7th in Population, 7th in Stock, 6th in Issues, 4th in Turn Over, and 3rd in number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction is lower than in any of the above-named Libraries, being 4·95 per cent. under the lowest (Sheffield), and 25·36 per cent. under the highest (Salford).

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Bible Readers	1	2
Billiard Room Keepers ...	2	
Bookbinders		26
China and Glass Dealers ...	3	
Cooks, and Confectioners ...	1	14
Dairywomen	1	6
Domestic Servants		84
Dress and Mantle Makers ...	24	260
Governesses	2	43
Hosiers	5	1
House Keepers...		60
Laundresses	2	7
Librarian, Assistant		1
Licensed Victuallers and Barmaids	3	15
Lodging House Keepers ...	10	1
Machinists		40
Carried forward ...	54	560

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ...	54	560
Matrons...		8
Milliners	6	121
Nurses	1	13
Professors of Music		9
Pupil Teachers...		186
Registry Office Keepers ...	5	2
Restaurant Proprietors ...	5	
Saleswomen		69
Scholars...		244
Schoolmistresses	14	52
Shopkeepers	11	6
Telegraphists		18
Upholstresses		12
Waitresses		6
No Occupation stated	294	4,259
Total ...	390	5,565

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	80	84
Actor, and Stage Manager ...		2
Actuaries, and Notaries ...	3	
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc.	461	292
Apprentices		141
Architects	15	45
Artists	12	35
Auctioneers	12	1
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	38	23
Bankers...	4	
Barristers	3	
Basket and Box Makers ...	9	7
Baths and Washhouses, Lessees of	3	
Bell Hangers	4	6
Belt Makers	6	6
Billiard Markers		3
Block and Mast Makers ...	2	5
Boat Maker	1	
Boiler Makers	26	7
Bookbinders	17	48
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	29	70
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	66	62
Bottlers...		3
Brass Finishers	20	60
Brass Founders	8	
Brewers...	10	8
Bricklayers	30	24
Brick Makers		3
Brush Makers		26
Builders and Contractors ...	68	12
Butchers	64	50
Carried forward ...	991	1,023

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	991	1,023
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	93	181
Cabmen	1	3
Cab Proprietors	2	
Caretakers	4	10
Carpet Planners	6	6
Carrier	1	
Cartmen, and Rolleymen ...	34	31
Cart Proprietor	1	
Cartwrights	1	5
Carvers, and Gilders	15	20
Cashiers...	33	18
Cattle Salesmen	2	
Chair Maker	1	
Chemists, Analytical	4	5
Chemists, and Druggists ...	60	68
China and Glass Dealers ...	4	
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	33	51
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	384	2,024
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	17	28
Coachmen, and Grooms ...	9	23
Coal Fitters	5	3
Coffee Roasters...	2	1
Collectors	7	8
Colliery Owners	4	
Commercial Travellers ...	117	103
Consuls, and Vice Consuls ...	3	1
Coopers	15	7
Cordwainers	3	6
Cork Cutters	4	4
Dairymen, and Farmers ...	4	2
Dentists...	5	20
Carried forward ...	1,865	3,651

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,865	3,651
Dock Superintendent	1	
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons... ...	30	20
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	195	282
Draughtsmen	23	54
Drill Instructors	2	6
Drysalters	1	3
Dyers	8	9
Electricians	4	10
Elocutionist	1	
Engineers	145	365
Engineers, Civil	11	9
Engineers, Consulting... ...	15	2
Engineers, Mining	11	7
Engine Drivers	7	
Enginemen	9	5
Engravers, and Embossers ...	7	23
Errand Boys		121
Farriers	4	4
File Cutter	1	
Firemen...	9	15
Fishmongers, and Fish Curers	4	3
Fitters	103	210
Foremen	40	7
French Polishers	6	12
Fruiterers, Florists, & Seedsmen	24	11
Furniture Brokers	6	2
Furriers...	2	7
Fuse Makers		6
Gardeners	6	15
Gas Inspectors	8	1
Glass Blowers and Cutters ...	3	5
Glass Painters and Stainers ...	6	14
Gold Beaters		2
Goldsmiths	3	2
Grinders	1	2
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	251	306
Hairdressers, and Perfumers ...	11	30
Harbour Master's Assistant ...	1	
Hatters	20	19
Hawker	1	
Iron Founders	4	
Iron Master	1	
Ironmongers	24	66
Japanners	3	2
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	36	44
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	176	249
Journalists, and Reporters ...	21	30
Labourers	46	51
Lamp Makers	1	1
Last Maker	1	
Lathrender		1
Law Stationers...	8	4
Law Students	2	22
Lead Workers	7	4
Leather Dressers		6
Librarians, and Assistant Librarians	2	14
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	42	35
Lithographers	10	33
Carried forward ...	3,229	5,802

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	3,229	5,802
Machinists	27	21
Managers	16	5
Manufacturers—Biscuit, Brick, Chemical, File, Iron, Leather, Manure, Soap, Tobacco, etc.	88	15
Marble Polishers	1	4
Marine Store Dealers	3	
Master Mariners	13	
Masons	48	44
Match Makers		3
Medical Students		57
Mercantile Marine Superintendent	1	
Merchants — Chemical, Coal, Glass, Iron, Leather, Timber, and Wine and Spirit, etc. ...	310	65
Messengers	8	19
Metal Brokers	2	
Millers	16	25
Miners	14	
Mining Manager	1	
Mining Viewers		2
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	76	106
Musicians	21	20
Nail Maker	1	
Naturalist	1	
Newspaper Despatchers ...	4	
Officers, Army	1	6
— Naval	1	2
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	1	4
— of H.M. Customs	9	10
— of H.M. Excise		2
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	8	13
Opticians	4	10
Overseers	7	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, and Paperhangers	102	108
Park Superintendents	1	1
Paviors	1	3
Pawnbrokers	22	7
Pensioners, Army and Navy ...	3	
Photographers	12	27
Picture Restorer	1	
Pilots	3	
Plasterers	21	6
Platelayers	11	
Platers	1	1
Plumbers	50	87
Police Officers	13	26
Porters	17	35
Post-office Officials	6	31
Potato Merchants	10	
Potters	8	4
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	20	179
Professors of Dancing... ...	1	2
Professors of Languages ...	2	3
Professors of Music	7	4
Publishers	2	2
Pupil Teachers		158
Quarrymen	1	2
Carried forward ...	4.226	6,921

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	4,226	6,921
Quay Master, and Assistant do.	1	1
Railway Employees	36	36
Rate Collectors...	3	6
Registrars	4	
Relieving Officers	3	
Restaurant Keepers	11	2
Rivetters	21	9
Rope Makers	4	6
Saddlers...	9	13
Sail Makers	3	2
Sailors	2	4
Salesmen	12	92
Sawyers...	2	3
Scholars...		570
School Board Clerk	1	
School Board Inspector ...		1
School Board Officers	4	2
Schoolmasters	36	34
Sculptors and Stone Carvers ...	3	3
Secretaries	16	12
Ship Brokers	32	8
Ship Chandlers...	6	1
Ship Owners	12	
Shipwrights	16	6
Shopkeepers	33	6
Silversmiths	9	3
Skinners	8	3
Slaters	11	6
Smiths	106	123
Soda-Water Manufacturers ...	3	1
Solicitors	48	29
Stevedores	3	10
Carried forward ...	4,684	7,913

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	4,684	7,913
Stock and Share Brokers ...	5	2
Store, and Time Keepers ...	14	20
Students		191
Surveyors	10	10
Tailors and Cutters	125	121
Tanners, and Curriers	17	14
Telegraphists	16	53
Ticket Writers...	1	6
Timber Measurer	1	
Tobacconists	31	20
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers...	5	7
Tramway Manager, & Inspector	1	1
Trunk and Portmanteau Makers	3	4
Turners...	25	28
Umbrella Maker		1
Undertakers	2	2
Vaccination Officer	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	5	3
Waiters...	12	6
Warder of H.M. Prisons ...	1	
Warehousemen...	77	96
Watermen	9	1
Wharfingers	5	2
Wheelwrights	3	2
Wire Workers	19	21
No Occupation stated... ...	101	246
Total Males	5,173	8,770
Total Females	390	5,565
Total Males and Females	5,563	14,335
Total Number of Readers	19,898	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	129	71
From 14 to 20	4,333	2,056
From 21 to 30	2,871	1,830
From 31 to 40	840	809
Carried forward ...	8,173	4,766

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	8,173	4,766
From 41 to 50	361	366
From 51 to 60	140	164
From 61 to 76	61	89
Ages not stated	35	180
Total	8,770	5,565

P.S.—The ages of Citizen Borrowers not having been asked for, a Tabulated Statement cannot, therefore, be given.

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas' ...	123	169	292
St. John's	230	342	572
St. Andrew's North...	702	2,356	3,058
St. Andrew's South...	235	290	525
All Saints' East ...	647	1,773	2,420
All Saints' West ...	162	160	322
Carried forward	2,099	5,090	7,189

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	2,099	5,090	7,189
Westgate	1,073	2,609	3,682
Elswick	1,360	3,877	5,237
Jesmond	378	1,097	1,475
Byker	508	1,334	1,842
Heaton	106	328	434
Non-resident Freemen	39		39
Total	5,563	14,335	19,898

TABLE IX.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY, DURING THE 17 DAYS IT WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE OF ISSUES, THE DAILY AVERAGE IN EACH CLASS, AND THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN STOCK IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Patent Specifications.	TOTAL ISSUES.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1884. September 1st to 19th	215	881	657	949	128	232	133	134	1,033	179	4,541	17	267·1
Total Issue in each Class ...	215	881	657	949	128	232	133	134	1,033	179	4,541	17	267·1
Class Percentage of entire Issue..	4·73	19·40	14·47	20·90	2·82	5·11	2·93	2·95	22·75	3·94	100·00	...	...
Daily Average in each Class ...	12	52	39	56	7	14	8	8	61	10	267	...	...
No. of Volumes in Stock ...	1,490	3,261	2,009	1,729	1,755	1,547	817	325	5,889	3,343	22,165	...	...

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	17	23
Agents	92	118
Apprentices	16	20
Architects	39	155
Artists	35	42
Auctioneer	1	1
Banker	1	1
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	37	37
Barrister	1	8
Boilermakers	3	4
Bookbinders	5	5
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	27	30
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	7	7
Bottlers	4	4
Brass Founders	7	8
Bricklayers	4	4
Brushmaker	1	1
Builder	1	1
Butchers	7	7
Cartmen	7	10
Cartwrights	6	6
Carvers, and Gilders	52	64
Cashiers	8	9
Caulker	1	1
Checkers	30	39
Chemists, and Druggists ...	48	62
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	41	57
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	580	728
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	21	27
Collectors	11	12
Commercial Travellers ...	77	90
Dentists	13	18
Drapers	40	53
Draughtsmen	60	80
Drysalter	1	1
Electrician	1	2
Elocutionists	4	5
Engineers	172	233
Engravers	8	12
Farmers	2	2
File Cutters	11	19
Fitters	110	157
Fruiterers, and Seedsmen ...	17	34
Fuse Makers	18	20
Glass Blowers and Cutters ...	14	15
Glass Painters and Stainers ...	3	4
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	30	35
Grooms	5	5
Hairdressers	22	25
Hatters	2	2
Inspectors	2	2
Ironmongers	21	22
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	10	11
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	72	89
Journalists, and Reporters ...	8	9
Labourers	68	76
Carried forward ...	1,901	2,512

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	1,901	2,512
Lead Workers	8	9
Library Assistants	10	14
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	4	6
Lithographers	27	31
Manufacturers	2	2
Managers	2	3
Mariners	4	5
Masons	9	10
Merchants	22	39
Miners	11	13
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	57	66
Musicians	26	27
Officers, Army	2	2
— of H.M. Customs	2	2
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	10	12
Opticians	2	2
Painters	28	28
Photographers	16	20
Plasterers	2	2
Platers	16	18
Plumbers	48	50
Porters	31	38
Post Office Officials	7	9
Printers and Compositors ...	69	87
Railway Servants	16	19
Rivetters	20	23
Saddlers	10	13
Sailors	12	13
Salesmen	22	27
Scholars	54	57
School Board Officer	1	2
Schoolmasters	11	15
Sculptors	4	4
Ship Brokers	3	4
Shipwright	1	1
Slaters	6	6
Smiths	50	82
Solicitors	21	57
Stock Broker	1	1
Store, and Time Keepers ...	8	9
Strikers	15	15
Students	110	241
Surveyors	3	3
Surgeons	2	2
Tailors and Cutters	40	47
Tanners, and Curriers	9	9
Teachers	121	244
Telegraphists	30	31
Tobacconists	7	10
Turners	16	20
Upholsterers	9	10
Waiters	4	4
Warehousemen	11	19
Wire Workers	19	39
No Occupation stated	363	507
Total	3,315	4,541

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	1,784	2,191
From 21 to 30	905	1,209
From 31 to 40	243	484
From 41 to 50	129	270
Carried forward ...	3,061	4,154

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	3,061	4,154
From 51 to 60	67	142
From 61 to 74	18	35
Ages not stated	169	210
Total	3,315	4,541

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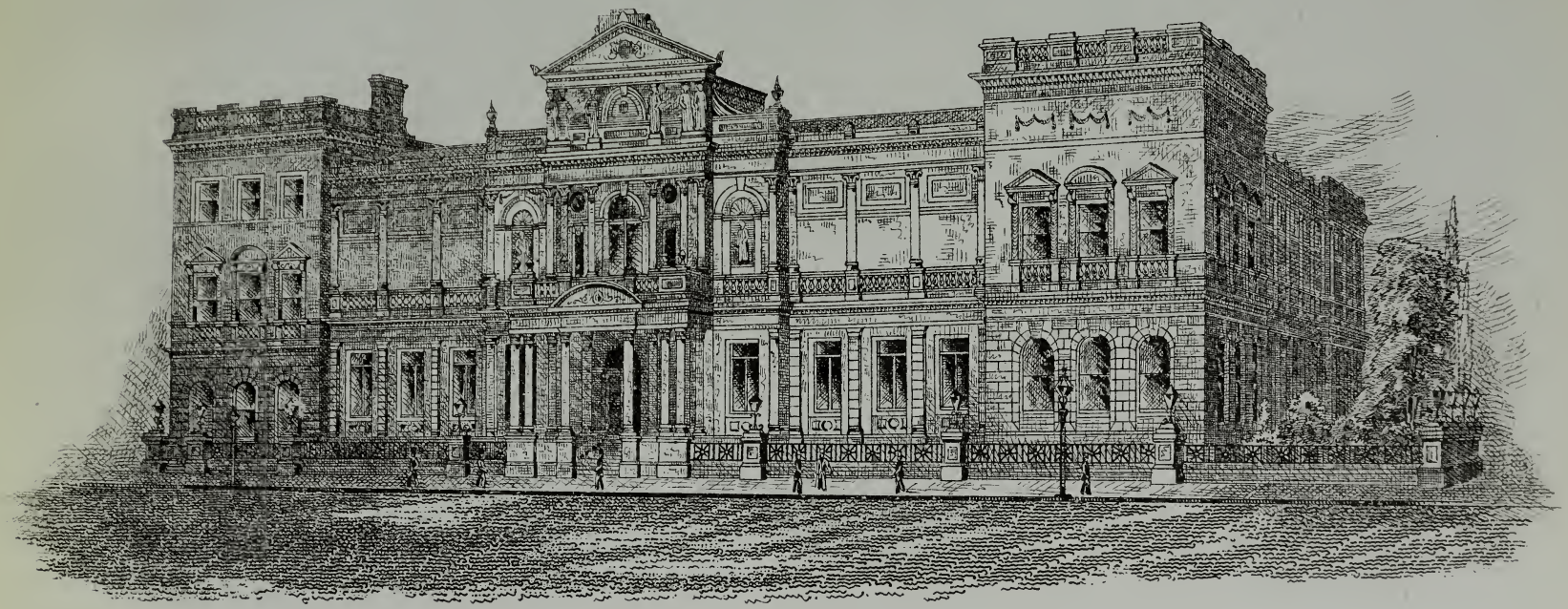

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Fifth Report

of the

Public Libraries Committee.

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THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

During the period covered by this Report the Lending and Juvenile Libraries have been open to the public on 407 days, and the number of volumes issued for home reading has reached a total of 334,915; or, a daily average of 823, being a daily average increase over the preceding year of 21. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Libraries since they were opened in September, 1880; or, a period of five-and-a-half years, has reached a total of 1,343,703, while during that time only THIRTEEN volumes have been lost.

In accordance with a paragraph, which appeared in last Report, all Readers' Tickets were called in early in November, 1885, for the purpose of being checked, renewed, cancelled, or otherwise dealt with, and the actual number of Readers' Tickets issued, or re-issued since that date, and now in use, is 8,532, divided as follows:—Citizen, 2,414; Non-Citizen, 6,118.

In consequence of the great number of persons who use the Library, and the large proportion of them who are constantly changing their addresses without complying with the Rule framed for that purpose; together with the difficulty which the Librarian reports he is constantly labouring under in endeavouring to trace defaulting borrowers, your Committee have decided that in future Readers' Tickets shall only be available for twelve months from the date of issue, instead of remaining in force for five years as heretofore.

Through the closing of the Lending Libraries for two months, during the work of restoration after the fire, the gross issue of books was considerably lower than it otherwise would have been, and this is the more apparent when it is remembered that it was the very time of the year (November-January) when most books are usually issued for home reading.

Your Committee are also of opinion that the circulation of books has been seriously impeded in this department through the want of a printed Catalogue of the works added since 1880. This evil, however, will be removed at an early date, as your Committee have now arranged to go to press almost immediately with a new Supplementary Catalogue of the books added during the past five-and-a-half years, and including those works enumerated in the "Finding List" issued in 1881. The new Catalogue will represent about 10,000 additional volumes, and will be arranged on the same lines as the Catalogue, to which it will form a Supplement, but by a very exhaustive system of entries and cross-references, it is expected to make as large a volume as the original Catalogue, while representing only about one-half the number of volumes therein dealt with.

It is gratifying to the Committee to be in a position to state that during the Annual Stock-Taking in June-July, 1885, every volume belonging to the several sections of the Libraries was found to be duly accounted for.

1,022 volumes have been added to the Lending Department, making the total stock at this date 28,196 volumes, while during the same period 483 volumes have been re-instated by new copies, in lieu of those worn-out, imperfect, or past re-binding, and 82 volumes have been replaced by Borrowers with new copies of equal value; or, the copies so damaged paid for in full.

It will be seen on reference to Table V., page 19, that Newcastle holds the proud position of having the lowest percentage of issues in Prose Fiction as compared with twelve other of the Public Libraries of England.

THE JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issues from this section of the Lending Library have amounted to 46,168 volumes, being a daily average of 114; or, a decrease of 12 per diem as compared with the period represented by last Annual Report.

This falling off is, in the opinion of your Committee, chiefly attributable to the want of a printed Catalogue of this department. The Catalogue published in 1880 has for some time past been out of print, but this difficulty will soon be overcome, as your Committee have decided to publish almost immediately an entirely new and revised edition of the Juvenile Catalogue, with all additions made to date of publication, and at such a price as to bring its purchase within the reach of all Juvenile Readers.

Your Committee are glad to be able to place on record the pleasing fact, that since the opening of this Library in 1880, no fewer than 185,542 volumes have been issued to Juvenile Readers; or, an average annual issue of 33,735, while during the whole of that period only ONE VOLUME has been actually lost beyond the Librarian's power to trace.

The entire stock in this department now amounts to 1,855 volumes, being an increase of 78 on the previous return. It may be remarked here, however, that the wear and tear consequent on the enormous turn over, and the fact that many of the young readers are not sufficiently well informed upon how to handle books entrusted to them, have so seriously militated against the condition of the stock as to necessitate annually the outlay of a considerable sum for the replacement of worn-out and damaged works.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

70 volumes have been added to this department, now making a total stock of 3,413 volumes, and the issues have reached 3,527. There being no other complete set of these publications available for public reference, between Edinburgh in the north and Leeds in the south, visits are continually being made to this City by inventors and others interested in mechanical and other inventions, residing in all the chief cities and towns of the northern counties, and thus a great boon is conferred upon an important section of the public. By an arrangement in the re-binding and binding of the *Alphabetical and Chronological Indices,* as well as the *Official Journal of the Patent Office*, in distinct but striking colours, the time of persons consulting the patents has been considerably saved.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

From September 19th, 1884, to and including March 25th, 1886, 987,484 visits are recorded as having been made to the News-Room, being a daily average of 2,165. The total number of visits since its opening on September 1st, 1882, has reached 1,926,932.

These figures are certainly below the actual number of visits, as the junior assistant in charge of this room is occasionally called from his post, in the event of special pressure in the Lending Libraries ; or, to relieve other assistants at meal-times, and during his absence the record is lost. No doubt a turnstile would be a more accurate method of registration, but the continual noise that would be occasioned by the click of the register would, in the opinion of your Committee, be far from satisfactory to the numerous readers in this department.

The number of visits paid to the News-Room on Sundays has reached 49,991, being a daily average of 649. The total number of visits paid to this room since the commencement of Sunday opening, which took place on October 7th, 1883, amounts to 81,262.

Your Committee regret to state that for some time past, certain frequenters of this room have been guilty of the dishonesty of removing copies of the current Magazines and Reviews from the Tables, and in consequence it has been found necessary to post in the room, special notices calling attention to the matter, and warning readers of the determination of the Committee, in future, to prosecute all persons found so offending.

There are now regularly supplied to this room, 33 Daily ; 2 Bi-Weekly ; 73 Weekly ; 4 Bi-Monthly ; 75 Monthly ; and 14 Quarterly News-

papers, Magazines, Reviews, and other serial publications, many of which are provided gratuitously by their respective publishers and other donors, for list of which *see* pp. 26–27.

Your Committee are quite aware of the strong feeling which has been expressed by frequenters of this room, about the limited space available for newspaper and magazine reading, and the consequent over-crowding and imperfect ventilation, but they see no possible means of meeting the difficulty until the funds at their disposal will permit of a considerable extension to the present building. It was hoped that the establishment in 1884, of Branch News-Rooms in different parts of the City, would have relieved the pressure at the Central News-Room, but it was found that during the time these Branch News-Rooms were open to the public, the number of visits paid to the Central News-Room instead of diminishing, continued steadily to increase.

THE BRANCH NEWS-ROOMS.

In consequence of a strong feeling expressed in the City Council, and in the columns of the local press, in favour of the establishment of Branch News-Rooms in different parts of the City, your Committee during the month of June, 1884, opened negotiations with the Newcastle-upon-Tyne School Board, and that body generously placed at the disposal of the Public Libraries Committee, rent free, a large room in each of the chief Board Schools of the populous districts of Byker, Elswick, and Westgate, the Libraries Committee providing the necessary furniture, and defraying the costs of attendance, cleaning, lighting, and heating. These three rooms were opened as Branch News-Rooms on October 6th, 1884, and remained open between the hours of 6 and 10 o'clock each week-night, until June 6th, 1885.

The number of visits paid was as follows :—Byker, 17,155 ; Elswick, 4,476 ; Westgate, 8,128 ; Total, 29,759. Daily average, Byker, 83 ; Elswick, 22 ; Westgate, 39 ; Total, 144.

In consequence of the limited attendance, your Committee at this period recommended the City Council to close these rooms during the summer months, and this suggestion having been agreed to, the rooms remained closed until October 12th, 1885, when they were again re-opened. The attendance after the re-opening was still far from satisfactory, and as the Committee had made no provision in their estimate, for the continued maintenance of these Branches, and as it was found that the Income from the Library Rate, of one penny in the pound on the rateable value of the City, had been seriously curtailed (by about £200 per

annum) in consequence of its collection by the Parochial Authorities, instead of by the machinery of the Municipality as theretofore, your Committee were reluctantly compelled to advise the Council that they had no funds at their disposal to continue these Branch News-Rooms, and recommended that they be closed, unless the Council should decide to continue them, and to provide the means for their support out of the City Fund. The Council having discussed the matter, referred the question to the consideration of the Finance Committee, and after careful investigation it was decided by that Committee to report to the Council against a grant out of the City Fund for such purpose, and the rooms in consequence were closed on December 19th, 1885.

During the Second Session, viz :—from October 12th to December 19th, 1885, the number of visits paid was as follows :—Byker, 5,923 ; Elswick, 1,640 ; Westgate, 2,035 ; Total, 9,598. Daily average—Byker, 99 ; Elswick, 27 ; Westgate, 34 ; Total, 160.

This gives a total attendance at the three Branches of 39,357 ; or, a daily average of 147, as compared with a daily average attendance of 2,165 at the Central News-Room.

The total number of visits paid to the Central and Branch News-Rooms, on Week-days and Sundays, since the dates of their respective openings, is as follows :—

Central News-Room, from September 1st, 1882, to March 25th, 1886	1,926,932
Central News-Room, Sundays, from October 7th, 1883, to March 25th, 1886	81,262
Branch News-Rooms, Byker, Elswick, and Westgate, from October 6th, 1884, to June 6th, 1885 (207 days), and from October 12th, 1885, to December 19th, 1885 (60 days)	39,357
Grand Total...	2,047,551

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

After the successful opening of this department by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., on August 20th, 1884, the number of volumes consulted averaged 210 daily, but on the evening of Monday, November 24th, this good work was brought to a standstill by the disastrous fire before referred to. Fortunately, in consequence of the removal by the Librarian, from the shelves, of a large number of volumes in

Class B, at the commencement of the fire, only a comparatively small number of volumes were actually burnt, the damage done being from water rather than from fire. Many of the works damaged by water, however, were irretrievably ruined, but a large number were only slightly injured in the bindings, or so stained internally as not to seriously lessen the value of the books. The final arrangement agreed to by the Insurance Company on the one part, and the Libraries Committee on the other part, was that the Insurance Company paid to the Public Libraries Committee a sum of money sufficient to restore the building to its original condition, according to an agreement arrived at by the City Engineer, Mr. W. G. Laws, on behalf of the Corporation, and Mr. S. B. Burton, on behalf of the North British Insurance Company. In the matter of the books, Mr. Robert Mack, acted as Assessor on behalf of the Insurance Company, and your Librarian in a similar capacity on behalf of the Committee, and it was finally arranged that all books burnt; or, permanently damaged, should be paid for in full, the damaged copies to become the property of the Insurance Company, and the value of the partial injury done to the books by water, to be paid for by the Insurance Company, such books remaining the property of the Public Libraries Committee. Your Committee have been exceedingly fortunate in their efforts to replace the books lost, and at this time only THIRTEEN WORKS are still required to replace the Reference Library stock in the same state as prior to the fire.

Appended is a list of the books still required, and the Committee take this opportunity of stating that they will be glad to receive offers of copies of the works, viz:—Analytical Society's Proceedings. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur;" edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Dalyell's Rare and Remarkable Animals of Scotland, 2 vols., 4to., 1847-48. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols., post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of H.M.S. "Sulphur," 2 vols., 4to., 1844. Guarino—Euclides Adauctus, folio, 1671. Historical Records of the 52nd Infantry. Naval Architecture: a collection of miscellaneous papers. North Staffordshire Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers, Transactions of the. Richardson and Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Erebus" and "Terror," 2 vols., 4to., 1844-75. Santvoord's Lives of the Chief Justices of the United States, demy 8vo., New York, 1854. Smith's Synopsis of the British Diatomacæ. Wood's Natural History of Birds, roy. 8vo., 1875.

The number of volumes added to this department since last return is 1,430, of which number 539 have been presented. The total stock

exclusive of the *Specifications of Patents for Inventions*, and the Thomlinson Library is 20,231 volumes, and including these special collections, the entire reference stock has now reached 28,009 volumes.

In consequence of the fire, this Library was closed to the public for 21 weeks, yet 48,974 volumes have been issued for consultation in the room, being a daily average of 145. The total number of volumes consulted since the opening on September 1st, 1884, has reached 53,515; or, a daily average over the entire period of 151 volumes.

On reference to Table IX., page 23, it will be seen that the class of works consulted in this department is of an exceptionally high character, books in Class D—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities, coming first with a percentage of 24·69; or, one quarter of the entire issue; Class B—History, Biography, Voyages and Travels, following next with 18·49; while the low percentage of 2·84 is to be found recorded against Class H—Prose Fiction.

Since the publication of the last Report, special attention has been directed to the keeping up of complete files of local and other newspapers. A few years back the Institution received from the Chamber of Commerce of this City a set of *The Times* newspaper from 1815 to 1854, and this set (with certain breaks, which the Committee hope to make perfect in course of time) is now being regularly filed to date. This is the more important, as the Committee have secured, by subscription, a complete set of Palmer's *Index to The Times*, and continue to subscribe for the work as it appears quarterly in forward progress, as well as for the Indices for issues earlier than January-March, 1854, at which date the publication now stands. Copies of the following papers are also regularly filed, viz:—*Shipping and Mercantile Gazette, Newcastle Daily Chronicle, Newcastle Daily Journal*, and the *Newcastle Daily Leader*, in addition to which the most interesting contents of the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* are regularly cut out and pasted down into folio guard-books kept for the purpose, these being again regularly indexed under subjects, such as "Notes and Queries," "Newcastle Streets," "Newcastle Churches and Chapels," "Local Songs and Song-Writers," "Annals of the Northern Counties," etc.

The following may be specially named as among the chief works added to this department since the date of last Report, viz:—Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, A.D. 1124–1625. Ancient Irish Histories: the works of Spencer, Campion, Hanmer, and Marleburrough. Akenside—De Piaceri dell Immaginazione. Armstrong's Gaelic Dictionary. Atkinson's Cleveland Dialect. Attwood's Life. Bewick Memento. Bigland's

Historical and Genealogical Collections of the County of Gloucester. Bosworth's Anglo-Saxon Dictionary. Bourne's Catechism of the Steam Engine, last edition. British Museum Catalogues. Brockett's Glossary of North Country Words: the author's own copy, interleaved with annotations, corrections, and additional matter in MS., for a projected new edition of the work. Bryant's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers, new edition; edited by Graves. Builder, complete set of the. Burton's Ecclesiastical History of Yorkshire. Carmichael's Views of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and of the River Tyne. Challenger Expedition, Reports on the Scientific Results of the. Codex Theodosianus. Codicum Manuscriptorum Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelmensis Catalogus Classicus; descriptus a Thoma Rud. Comidas Grammatica Turca. Cotterill's Applied Mechanics. Craven Dialect and Glossary. Cushing's Initials and Pseudonyms. Cuvier—Leçons d'Anatomie comparée. D'Abrantès, Mémoires de la Duchesse. Dalrymple's Memoirs of Great Britain and Ireland. Daniel's Complete Works; edited by Grosart. De Genlis, Mémoires inédits de la Comtesse. De Sévigné, Lettres de Madame. Dictionary of National Biography; edited by Stephens. Doherty's Organic Philosophy. Doré Gallery. Dowell's History of Taxes and Taxation. Dresser's Monograph of the Meropidæ. Edwards' History of the West Indies. Encyclopædia Americana. Encyclopædia Britannica. Extracts from the Court Rolls of the Manor of Wimbledon. Farrar's History of Interpretation. Fordun's Scotichronicon. French Revolution, 155 Volumes of Works treating on the, from the Library of the late Right Hon. John Wilson Croker. Friedlander's Guide of the Perplexed of Maimonides. Froude's Oceana. Friendly Societies, complete set of Parliamentary Reports and Papers on. Ganot's Physics, last edition. Gordon's Journals. Gould's History of Freemasonry. Gray's Chorographia; edited by Crawhall. Greenstreet's Translation of the Lincolnshire Survey, temp. Henry I. Greene's Complete Works; edited by Grosart. Halkett and Laing's Dictionary of Anonymous and Pseudonymous Literature. Hartmann's Philosophy of the Unconscious. Heath's Heroines of Shakespeare. Hexham Charities. Historical Records of the British Army: 6th Dragoons, 7th Hussars, 16th Lancers, 18th Hussars, the Coldstream Guards, the 7th, 21st, 23rd, 69th, 82nd, 87th, and 92nd Infantry. Hopkins on the Organ. Humphrey's Ten Centuries of Art in Europe. Illustrations of Alnwick Castle. Ives' Voyage from England to India, in A.D, 1754. Lawes and Ordinances of Warre, for the better Government of His Majesties Army Royall in the present Expedition for the Northern parts, and safety of the Kingdome.

under the conduct of his Excellence, The Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshall of England, &c., and Generall of His Majesties Forces; Imprinted at Newcastle by Robert Barker, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majestie: And by the Assignes of John Bill, 1639. Leypoldt's American Catalogue. London's Roll of Fame. Longstaffe's History of Darlington. Maine's Popular Government. Malham's Life of Christ. Mallet's Great Neapolitan Earthquake. Metcalfe's Sermon preached before the Right Worshipful the Mayor of the Town and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Sir William Creagh), January 29th, 168$^{7}_{8}$, being the day of thanksgiving at the Catholic Chappel. Meursii Glossarium Graeco-Barbarum. Murphy's Royal Monastery of Bathala. Murray's Geographical Distribution of Mammals. Napoleon I., Journal of the Private Life and Conversations of, at St. Helena. By Las Cases. Napoléon I., Histoire de. Par Lanfrey. Nashe's Complete Works; edited by Grosart. Newcastle Literary Register. Orderici Vitalis, Historiæ Ecclesiasticæ. Owen's British Fossil Reptiles. Palmer's Index to *The Times*. Penal Law and Test Act Returns, for A.D. 1688; edited by Duckett. Petzholdt's Adressbuch der Bibliotheken Deutschlands. Petzholdt's Bibliotheca Bibliographica. Pâris—Souvenirs de Marine. Percy's Mechanical Engineering of Collieries. Pottinger's Blue and Green. Racinet—La Costume Historique. Raffray—Les Eglises Monolithes. Richard Rolle of Hampole—Commentary on the Psalter; edited by Bramley. Richardson's Views of Old Newcastle. Rimbault on the Pianoforte. Rogers' Complete Collection of the Protests of the Lords, A.D. 1624-1874. Rotuli Antiquæ: Calendars of Ancient Charters, and of the Welsh and Scottish Rolls. Royal Society's Proceedings. Rymer's Foedera; editio secunda, studio Holmes. Science Gossip, complete set of. Scottish Rolls. Sedgwick's Reprints of the Early English Hymn-Writers. Select Fables from the Gulistan of Sadi: the original Persian, accompanied with a Translation and a Vocabulary, Newcastle, 1805. Shakspeare Facsimile Reprints. Shaw's Gaelic Dictionary. Sophocles; translated by Jebb. Spencer's Essays. Stevenson's Flora of British Fungi. Stewart and Revett's Antiquities of Athens. Stewart's Gaelic Grammar. Student, a complete set of the. Stormouth's English Dictionary. Swallow's De Nova Villa. Temple's Relations between Religion and Science. Tryon's Structural and Systematic Conchology. Vetusta Monumenta. Waring's Examples of Stained Glass. Warrington's History of Stained Glass. Wilson's Tales of the Borders. Windus' Journey to Mequinez. Winkle's French Cathedrals.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The transfer of the books contained in Dr. Thomlinson's Library, from the room in which the collection had been stored above the Vestry of the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, was commenced on the 19th of December, 1884, and completed on the 16th of January, 1885.

The number of volumes at the transfer was 4,351 ; 14 volumes have since been recovered, making the number now in hand 4,365. The major portion of these books were in a wretchedly dilapidated condition, and, on a Report from your Committee to the City Council, that body resolved to place a sum of money at the disposal of the Public Libraries Committee, so as to enable them to have the entire collection overhauled, re-bound, catalogued, and shelved, and thus made available for public reference.

Your Committee regret, that in consequence of pressure of work in the other departments of the Institution, they have been unable yet to undertake this work, but arrangements have been made that as soon as the new Catalogues, which are now in progress, have passed through the press, the books of the Thomlinson Library will be at once taken in hand, and the work hastened to a conclusion.

CONFERENCES.

Messrs. Vinycomb and Warden, with your Librarian, attended (as a deputation from this Committee) the Thirty-eighth Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, held at Blyth, on July 27th, 1885, under the presidency of Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P.

Your deputation was specially interested during their visit to find that the Committee of the Blyth Mechanics' Institution had re-arranged the books in their new building chiefly on the lines of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library, and had also adopted the same system of book-binding, as well as having introduced the *Elliot Indicator* for facilitating the circulation of their books.

It was unanimously resolved to hold the Annual Conference of 1886 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and, with that object, the City Council had extended a cordial invitation, through Mr. Councillor Carse. The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne was elected President for the ensuing year, and Mr. Adam Carse one of the Vice-Presidents.

Your Librarian also attended the Seventh Annual Conference of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, held in Dublin, from September 30th to October 3rd, 1884, under the presidency of

Dr. Ingram, Librarian of Trinity College. During the meeting a State visit was paid by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Spencer, K.G., and a special paper dealing with his Lordship's private library at Althorp, was read by Lord Charles Bruce, a member of the Association. A number of other valuable papers were contributed on subjects closely affecting Libraries, and special prominence was given to the question of Rate-supported Libraries. Your Librarian was for the fourth time elected a member of the Council of the Association.

DONATIONS.

721 Volumes have been received as gifts since the publication of the last Report (including 70 volumes of Patent Office Publications), the chief donors being Her Majesty's Stationery Office; Her Grace the Duchess Dowager of Northumberland; Sir Arthur E. Middleton, Bart.; Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart.; the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Benjamin Chapman Browne, Esq., C.E.); the Trustees of the British Museum; the Governments of the United States of America, Canada, New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, New Zealand, Cape Colony, Natal, and Tasmania; the Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, D.C.L., LL.D., F.S.A.; the Misses Hill; W. E. Adams, Esq.; and the Councils of the Societies of Civil, and Mechanical Engineers.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Since the publication of the last printed Report of the work of the Library, two Sessions of the Educational Classes have been held, viz., those of 1884–85 and 1885–86. Attached hereto is the Report of the results for the Session 1884-85, which was presented at the public presentation of prizes and certificates to successful students on the evening of the 9th December, 1885. The meeting was presided over by Alderman Newton, and the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Newcastle (B. C. Browne, Esq.) graciously presented the prizes, and delivered an instructive and interesting address to the students.

The Report of the Committee on the Session 1885-86 can only be of an incomplete character at this date, as, owing to the examinations in Science and Art not being finished, the results of the students' work can not yet be shown. With regard to the numbers attending the classes this Session, there has been an increase in the Science and Art School, but, on the other hand, the Literary and Commercial Classes have not been so well attended as in past years; a circumstance, no doubt, attributable to the increased competition in evening schools and classes, which is yearly increasing in the city.

With the view of enabling the classes to be carried on with more efficiency than at present, the Public Libraries Committee (on the recommendation of the Educational Committee) have agreed to instruct the City Engineer to provide, during the approaching recess, new benches, and other requisite apparatus.

Owing to the lamented decease of the late Alderman Gregson (referred to in Report of 9th December last), Alderman Henry William Newton, Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee, was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Educational Committee.

At the beginning of this Session, Mr. Vinycomb, who for some years had acted as Hon. Secretary to the Committee, resigned his membership of the Committee and the office of Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Amos, your Committee Clerk, at the request of the Public Libraries Committee, assumed the duties of Honorary Secretary.

Your Committee have to express their regret that during the year two Competitions in Oratory, under Thompson's bequest, could not be held, owing to the insufficient number of eligible competitors who entered their names.

SESSION 1884–85.

In submitting their annual statement on the results of the Session 1884–85, the Educational Committee have to report that the work done in the classes has been of a satisfactory nature. The number of students in the Science and Art Classes was 141.

In the Science Classes the subjects taught included:—Applied, and Theoretical Mechanics; Steam, and the Steam Engine; Building Construction; Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry; Mathematics, Stages 1, 2, and 3; Sound, Light, and Heat; Electricity, and Magnetism.

In Art:—Model, and Freehand Drawing; Perspective; Drawing from the Cast; Oil and Water-Colour Painting.

At the May examinations 139 Science papers were worked, and out of this number 83 were successful in obtaining Certificates, and several Queen's Prizes.

Out of 29 students in the School of Art, 14 passed, two of whom obtained Queen's Prizes.

In the City and Guilds of London Institute Technological Examination, 3 students secured Certificates.

The following subjects were taught in the Literary and Commercial Classes:—French, Elementary and Advanced; German, Elementary and Advanced; Shorthand, Elementary and Advanced; English Grammar and Composition; Writing and Book-keeping; Arithmetic.

The number of students in these classes was 186.

The Teachers report very favourably on the diligence, good conduct, and regular attendance of the pupils; and prizes in books have been awarded by the Committee to deserving students for excellence and good attendance.

The classes were conducted, as in previous years, under the direction of the Principal Master, Mr. J. A. G. Ross, M.I.M.E., and an efficient staff of teachers.

Two Competitions in Oratory were held under the "Richard Thompson's Bequest," the first on 28th November, 1884—subject, "Thackeray and his place in English Literature;" and the second on March 27th, 1885—subject, "The Poet; or, the Statesman, which has the greatest Influence on Civilization?" Prizes of £2 10s., £1 10s., and £1 were awarded for the three best speeches in each competition.

In conclusion, your Committee have to express their very deep regret in having to record the death of Mr. Alderman T. L. Gregson, who for so many years presided over the deliberations of the Committee, and who, during his long association with the Institution, always took a keen and active interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Educational Classes.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY WILLIAM NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

May 28th, 1886.

Adopted by the City Council,

September 1st, 1886.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, September 19th, 1884		27,174	
Added during 18 months ended March 25th, 1886:—			
By Gift	112		
By Purchase	910		
		1,022	
Total Stock in Lending Library			28,196

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, September 19th, 1884		22,165	
Added during 18 months ended March 25th, 1886:—			
By Gift, including Specifications of Inventions and Publications of Patent Office, and Thomlinson Library transferred	4,974		
By Purchase	891		
		5,865	
Total Stock in Reference Library			28,030
Less—Number of volumes burnt or damaged at fire and not yet replaced by other copies			21
			28,009

TOTAL STOCK.

Total stock of volumes in both Departments from all sources:—		
From Mechanics' Institute Library	2,003	
By Gift (including 3,413 volumes of Patent Specifications and Abstracts)	7,363	
Thomlinson Library transferred	4,365	
By Purchase	42,501	
		56,226
Less—Number of volumes burnt or damaged at fire and not yet replaced by other copies		21
		56,205

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN REFERENCE AND LENDING LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	1,539	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels (*4) ...	3,683	
C.—Science, and Natural History (*12)	2,115	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities	1,944	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	1,940	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias	1,673	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	850	
H.—Prose Fiction	333	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature, including the Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies (*5)	6,175	
	20,252	
Publications of the Patent Office...	3,413	
Thomlinson Library	4,365	
Total Reference Stock		28,030

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy...	2,210	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels	6,826	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,415	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities	1,224	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	860	
F.—Philology, and Education	330	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,370	
H.—Prose Fiction	7,116	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	3,990	
K.—Juvenile Literature	1,855	
		28,196
Total Stock in both Libraries		56,226
* *Less*—Number of volumes burnt or damaged at fire and not yet replaced by other copies		21
		56,205

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880.

10,357 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

248 Volumes have been lost or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

41 Volumes have been lost or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

493 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past re-binding, and have been replaced by the Committee.

11 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee, in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the city, and of whom no trace can be found.

13 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Bainbridge Holme, by Mitchell, 2 vols.; Lays of Ancient Rome, by Macaulay; Mansfield Park, by Austen; Noble Deeds of Women, by Starling; Seven Days in London, by Gosman; The Barton Experiment, by Habberton; Uncle Tom's Cabin for Children, edited by Crowe; Arabella Stuart, by James; Tales of Military Life, vol. I.; Ten Years' Tenant, by Besant and Rice; Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry, by Carleton; Flag Lieutenant, by Sadler.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUES IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUES, THE TOTAL ISSUES, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM SEPT. 20TH, 1884, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1886.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUES.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1884.													
September 20th to 30th	116	744	291	157	60	62	137	5,194	745	1,423	8.929	9	992
October	424	2,411	1,136	418	323	149	408	14,105	2.273	3,890	25,537	27	946
November 1st to 24th*	360	2,001	792	309	351	142	382	11,727	1,940	3.570	21,574	20	1,079
1885.													
January 26th to 31st	133	685	379	127	69	57	132	4,133	675	966	7,356	6	1,226
February	427	2,438	944	333	174	132	323	13,457	1,858	3,238	23.324	24	972
March	399	2,584	1,392	353	165	131	433	14,244	2,181	3,447	25,329	26	974
April	370	2,114	838	282	103	95	324	13,183	1,937	3,010	22.256	24	927
May	306	1,863	805	249	133	89	308	12,714	1,881	2,751	21.099	26	811
June*	157	1,107	443	167	50	53	153	8,122	1,123	1,605	12,980	24	531
July*	192	1,204	517	163	66	46	179	10,164	1,349	1,510	15,390	23	669
August	241	1,408	626	196	75	52	269	13,275	1,635	2,529	20,306	25	812
September...	286	1,705	827	303	105	100	364	13,882	1,711	3,294	22,577	26	868
October	395	1,885	1,072	360	212	137	394	14,527	2,173	3,316	24,471	27	906
November...	196	862	498	183	69	58	160	7,077	934	1,980	12,017	25	481
December	219	1,130	599	208	93	80	196	8,638	1.250	2,027	14.440	25	578
1886.													
January	257	1,567	772	244	102	88	171	10,442	1,566	2,200	17,409	24	725
February	278	1,774	924	278	139	120	525	11,756	1,647	2.729	20,170	24	840
March 1st to 25th	262	1,720	926	239	102	79	554	11,666	1,520	2,683	19.751	22	898
Total Issue in each Class ...	5,018	29,202	13,781	4,569	2,391	1,670	5.412	198,306	28,398	46,168	334,915	407	822·8
Class Percentage of Entire Issue	1·50	8·72	4·11	1·36	0·71	0·50	1·62	59·22	8·48	13·78	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	12	72	34	11	6	4	13	487	70	114	823		
No. of Volumes in Stock ...	2,210	6,826	2,415	1,224	860	330	1,370	7,116	3,990	1,855	28.196		
Turn Over	2·27	4·28	5·71	3·73	2·78	5·06	3·95	27·87	7·12	24·89	11·88		

* Library closed from November 25th, 1884, to and including January 25th, 1885, in consequence of the Fire; and from June 29th to July 4th for the Annual Stock-taking.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issues in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issues.
1	Liverpool *	1852	552,425	2	8,494	45,847	383,128	8·36	16,143	293,881	18·20	76·70
2	Birmingham *	1860	400,757	5	19,706	55,475	479,736	8·65	20,974	300,232	14·31	62·58
3	Manchester	1852	341,508	6	38,404	97,606	1,051,600	10·77	26,021	712,400	27·38	67·74
4	Leeds *	1870	309,126	26	24,196	102,779	665,588	6·47	43,859†	399,416†	9·11	60·01
5	Sheffield *	1855	284,410	4	15,106	67,914	396,226	5·83	16,451	243,111	14·78	61·36
6	Bristol	1876	206,503	5	(a)	47,997	334,160	6·96	(a)	258,276	(a)	77·29
7	Nottingham	1868	186,656	2	11,910	33,684	390,760	11·60	15,832	322,321	20·36	82·49
8	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	8,532	28,196	334,915	11·88	7,116	198,306	27·87	59·22
9	Leicester	1871	122,351	1	3,700	19,435	206,362	10·62	8,341	174,009	20·86	84·32
10	Preston	1879	96,532	1	11,411	13,490	170,435	12·63	3,275‡	111,317	33·99	65·31
11	Norwich	1857	87,843	1	2,517	10,000	102,000	10·20	3,000	72,470	24·16	71·05
12	Wolverhampton	1869	75,738	1	2,500	22,534	80,293	3·56	6,859	50,043	7·30	62·33
13	Rochdale *	1872	68,865	1	6,000	27,356	141,847	5·18	10,552‡	111,414	10·56	78·55

* The Returns from the Libraries marked with an Asterisk are for 12 months only, and are chiefly compiled from the last published Reports.
† Includes Poetry and the Drama. ‡ Includes Juvenile Literature. (a) This information has not been supplied.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 8th in Population, 8th in Stock, 2nd in Turn-Over, and 7th in number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction is lower than in any of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Actress		1
Artist		1
Bookbinder		1
Cashiers...		3
Cooks, and Confectioners ...		4
Domestic Servants		27
Dress and Mantle Makers ...	8	105
Governesses	3	24
Grocers	3	
Hosiers	1	4
House-Keepers...		23
Laundresses	1	4
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmaids	1	4
Lodging-House Keepers ...	6	
Machinists		9
Manageresses		2
Carried forward ...	23	212

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	23	212
Matrons		6
Milliners	2	28
Nurses		8
Professors of Music		3
Pupil Teachers...		93
Registry-Office Keeper ...		1
Saleswomen		27
Scholars...		78
Schoolmistresses	4	31
Shopkeepers	1	18
Telegraphists		5
Upholstresses		4
Waitresses		2
No Occupation stated	156	1,820
Total ...	186	2.336

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	33	20
Actuaries, and Notaries ...		2
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc.	139	64
Apprentices		76
Architects	9	15
Artists	7	15
Auctioneers	5	
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	21	18
Banker	1	
Basket and Box Makers ...	1	2
Bell Hanger	1	
Belt Makers	5	
Billiard Markers		3
Block and Mast Maker ...	1	
Boat Builders	3	
Boiler Makers	3	7
Bookbinders	9	20
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	4	24
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	31	29
Bottlers...		3
Brass Finishers	7	11
Brass Founders	4	5
Brewers	4	3
Bricklayers	15	7
Brick Maker		1
Brokers	3	1
Brush Makers	2	10
Builders and Contractors ...	27	7
Butchers	26	19
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	36	44
Cab Proprietor	1	
Carried forward ...	398	406

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	398	406
Caretaker	1	
Carpet Planners	1	2
Carrier		1
Cartmen, and Rolleymen ...	10	12
Cartwrights	1	2
Carvers, and Gilders	10	10
Cashiers...	16	13
Chemists, Analytical	2	2
Chemists and Druggists ...	24	36
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	20	27
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	170	696
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	7	4
Coachmen, and Grooms ...	4	24
Collectors	4	1
Colliery Owners		2
Commercial Travellers ...	41	33
Consuls, and Vice-Consuls ...	3	2
Coopers	11	5
Cork Cutters		2
Cover Makers		6
Dentists...	2	8
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons... ...	14	14
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	59	91
Draughtsmen	12	30
Drillers	2	
Drysalters		2
Dyers		6
Electricians	3	4
Elocutionist	1	
Engineers	76	124
Carried forward ...	892	1,565

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	892	1,565
Engineers, Civil	3	5
Engineers, Consulting... ...	2	
Engineers, Mining	3	1
Engine Drivers	3	3
Enginemen	6	1
Engravers, and Embossers ...	2	6
Errand Boys		70
File Cutter		1
Firemen...	4	4
Fishmonger	1	
Fitters	40	67
Foremen	13	6
French Polishers	7	4
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	11	4
Furniture-Broker	1	
Furriers...	2	1
Gardeners	2	
Gas Inspectors	3	
Glass Blowers and Cutters ...		2
Glass Painters and Stainers ...	1	5
Gold Beater	1	
Goldsmith	1	
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	94	77
Hairdressers, and Perfumers ...	3	9
Hatters	11	
Hawkers	2	
Iron Founders	4	1
Ironmongers	9	19
Japanner	1	
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	25	20
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	92	88
Journalists, and Reporters ...	9	11
Labourers	45	51
Lathrender	1	
Law Stationers...	4	3
Lead Workers	8	1
Leather Dressers	3	
Librarians, Assistant		13
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	17	9
Lithographers	3	7
Machinists	4	13
Managers	22	11
Manufacturers—Biscuit, Brick, Chemical, File, Iron, Leather, Manure, Soap, Tobacco, etc.	21	5
Master Mariners	10	3
Masons	36	28
Medical Students		7
Merchants — Chemical, Coal, Glass, Iron, Leather, Timber, Wine and Spirit, etc. ...	106	18
Messengers	4	20
Millwrights	2	
Millers	9	7
Miners	4	6
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	23	28
Museum Keeper		1
Musicians	4	8
Nail Maker	1	
Carried forward ...	1,575	2,209

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,575	2,209
Newspaper Despatchers ...		2
Officers, Naval		1
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	4	2
— of H.M. Customs	8	9
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	5	9
Opticians	1	1
Overseers	2	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, and Paperhangers	45	40
Park Superintendent		1
Paviors	4	
Pawnbrokers	6	2
Pensioners, Army and Navy ...		2
Photographers	2	11
Pilots	2	1
Plasterers	11	1
Platelayers	8	1
Platers		9
Plumbers	24	39
Police Officers	3	1
Porters	8	19
Post-office Officials	6	6
Potters	5	1
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	54	71
Professors of Music		6
Publisher	1	
Pupil Teachers		42
Quarryman		1
Railway Employees	18	15
Registrars	2	
Restaurant Keepers	7	
Rivetters	5	9
Rope Makers	2	1
Saddlers...	6	3
Sail Makers	4	3
Sailors	1	2
Salesmen	7	12
Sawyers	4	4
Scholars		506
School Board Officers	3	1
Schoolmasters	11	23
Sculptors and Stone Carvers ...		3
Secretaries	5	2
Ship Brokers	13	7
Ship Owners	6	
Shipwrights	6	1
Shorthand Writers	1	2
Shopkeepers	18	10
Slaters	3	8
Smiths	49	35
Solicitors	26	6
Stevedores	8	
Stock, and Share Brokers ...		2
Store, and Time Keepers ...	7	9
Students		143
Surveyors	9	5
Sweep	1	
Tailors and Cutters	45	21
Tanners, and Curriers	4	5
Carried forward ...	2,045	3,325

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,045	3,325
Telegraphists	13	30
Teachers	13	40
Ticket-Writers	2	3
Tobacconists	8	7
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers...	5	2
Treasurer	1	
Turners	9	11
Umbrella Makers	1	1
Undertaker		1
Verger		1
Veterinary Surgeon	1	
Carried forward ...	2,098	3,421

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,098	3,421
Waiters	2	
Warehousemen	46	30
Watermen	4	2
Wharfingers	2	
Wheelwrights		2
Wire-Workers	5	4
No Occupation stated	71	323
Total Males	2,228	3,782
Total Females	186	2,336
Total Males and Females	2,414	6,118
Total Number of Readers	8,532	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	302	131
From 14 to 20	1,740	860
From 21 to 30	906	804
From 31 to 40	342	293
Carried forward ...	3,290	2,088

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	3,290	2,088
From 41 to 50	135	180
From 51 to 60	62	72
From 60 to 76	28	38
Ages not stated	75	150
Total	3,590	2,528

P.S.—The ages of Citizen Borrowers not having been asked for, a Tabulated Statement cannot, therefore, be given.

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas' ...	46	84	130
St. John's	60	201	261
St. Andrew's North...	326	954	1,280
St. Andrew's South...	73	191	264
All Saints' East ...	300	780	1,080
All Saints' West ...	46	84	130
Carried forward	851	2.294	3,145

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	851	2,294	3,145
Westgate	426	1,038	1,464
Elswick	615	1,548	2,163
Jesmond	219	622	841
Byker	222	474	696
Heaton	58	142	200
Non-resident Freemen	23	—	23
Total	2,414	6,118	8,532

TABLE IX.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY, DURING EIGHTEEN MONTHS ENDED MARCH 25TH, 1886, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUES, THE TOTAL ISSUES IN EACH CLASS, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE OF ISSUES, THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN STOCK, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Theolgy, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Patent Specifications.	TOTAL ISSUES.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1884.—September 20th to 30th ...	146	413	237	559	63	86	62	65	442	113	2,186	9	242
October	307	978	727	1.332	140	285	131	74	943	273	5,190	27	192
November 1st to 24th* ...	189	639	413	858	58	199	109	99	569	320	3,449	20	172
1885.—April 20th to 30th* ...	81	300	216	409	65	117	27	14	259	504	1.992	10	199
May	135	461	486	689	116	142	84	30	458	467	3,068	26	118
June*	115	704	192	725	47	202	69	30	390	96	2,570	24	107
July*	134	331	246	651	64	159	28	43	336	80	2,072	23	90
August	184	490	238	818	57	122	95	79	366	70	2.519	25	100
September	309	747	360	927	38	248	104	130	639	400	3.902	26	150
October	271	836	385	861	89	239	103	156	705	295	3.940	27	145
November	230	582	326	994	174	217	56	89	734	83	3,485	25	139
December	172	500	270	782	54	283	53	64	468	196	2,842	25	113
1886.—January	270	736	431	836	31	380	115	119	804	139	3,861	24	160
February	235	711	342	909	44	371	121	305	1,028	166	4,232	24	176
March 1st to 25th ...	196	627	439	741	112	288	105	100	733	325	3,666	22	166
Total Issue in each Class ...	2,974	9,055	5,308	12,091	1,152	3,338	1,262	1,393	8.874	3,527	48,974	337	145·3
Class Percentage of entire Issue..	6·07	18·49	10·84	24·69	2·35	6·82	2·58	2·84	18·12	7·20	100·00	...	...
Daily Average in each Class ...	9	27	16	36	3	10	4	4	26	10	145	...	...
No. of Volumes in Stock ...	1,539	3,683†	2,115†	1.944	1,940	1,673	850	333	6,175†	3,413	23,665†	...	...
Turn Over	1·93	2·46	2·51	6·22	0·59	2·00	1·48	4·18	1·44	1·03	2·07	...	...

* Library closed from November 25th, 1884, to April 19th, 1885, in consequence of the Fire; and from June 29th to July 4th, for the Annual Stock-taking.
† Less 21 Volumes, being the number that were burnt or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	178	237
Actors and Actresses	61	75
Agents	1,242	1,595
Apprentices	265	306
Architects	208	1,201
Artists	354	471
Assistant Overseers	3	7
Assistants, Shop	11	11
Auctioneers	6	10
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	304	370
Barristers	32	84
Blacksmiths	25	42
Boilermakers	30	31
Bookbinders	51	69
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	254	319
Boot and Shoe Makers ...	30	50
Bottlers	10	10
Box-Makers	7	7
Brass Founders	51	72
Bricklayers	35	42
Brushmakers	12	12
Builders	22	61
Butchers	19	45
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	161	232
Canvassers	144	162
Cartmen	31	38
Cartwrights	3	3
Carvers and Gilders	274	308
Cashiers	65	93
Caulkers	11	11
Checkers	341	350
Chemists and Druggists ...	278	534
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	491	860
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	6,385	8,199
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	40	45
Collectors	18	25
Commercial Travellers ...	821	1,010
Contractors	15	25
Dentists	118	151
Drapers	362	550
Draughtsmen	534	808
Drillers	12	12
Drysalters	3	8
Electricians	16	22
Elocutionists	45	61
Engine Drivers	60	75
Engineers	1,413	1,804
—, Civil	84	160
—, Consulting	4	13
—, Mining	12	20
Engravers	101	131
Carried forward ...	15,052	20,837

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	15,052	20,837
Farmers	7	10
Fellmongers	18	21
File Cutters	97	125
Firemen...	4	6
Fitters	1,480	1,681
Foremen	30	35
Fruiterers, and Seedsmen ...	286	321
Fuse Makers	25	25
Gardeners	6	8
General Dealers	43	56
Glass Blowers and Cutters ...	30	31
Glass Painters and Stainers ...	48	65
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	305	401
Grooms	12	13
Hairdressers	27	35
Hatters	12	21
Inspectors	9	13
Ironmongers	124	157
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	52	86
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	508	774
Journalists, and Reporters ...	133	285
Labourers	601	694
Lead Workers	3	5
Library Assistants	52	74
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	48	65
Lithographers	61	78
Machinists	40	45
Managers	25	32
Manufacturers	185	246
Mariners	16	18
Masons	70	84
Mechanics	64	78
Medical Students	82	334
Merchants	301	416
Millers	21	36
Miners	54	75
Moulders, and Pattern-Makers	416	570
Musicians	73	105
Officers, Army	10	21
—, Naval	3	12
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	12	14
— of H.M. Customs	14	22
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	6	13
Opticians	7	12
Painters	201	261
Photographers	114	184
Plasterers	21	28
Platers	94	125
Plumbers	220	261
Polishers	10	11
Porters	72	94
Carried forward ...	21,204	29,019

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	21,204	29,019
Post Office Officials	81	107
Printers, and Compositors ...	433	556
Professors of Music	26	37
Railway Servants	87	110
Rivetters	103	121
Saddlers	21	34
Sailors	156	175
Salesmen	190	262
Scholars	141	180
School Inspectors	7	16
Schoolmasters, and Schoolmistresses	265	394
Sculptors	15	25
Ship-Brokers	5	11
Shipwrights	7	9
Slaters	21	29
Smiths	130	186
Soldiers	9	12
Solicitors	95	126
Carried forward ...	22,996	31,409

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	22,996	31,409
Stock-Brokers	20	27
Store, and Time Keepers ...	22	35
Strikers	17	21
Students	1,401	2,386
Surveyors	12	32
Surgeons	20	44
Tailors, and Cutters	107	186
Tanners, and Curriers	66	91
Teachers	1,506	2,667
Telegraphists	170	202
Tinsmiths	12	19
Tobacconists	39	51
Turners	71	104
Waiters	14	18
Warehousemen	42	54
Weighmen	20	23
Wire-Workers	71	86
No Occupation stated	8,378	11,519
Total	34,984	48,974

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	13,522	18,467
From 21 to 30	8,041	12,021
From 31 to 40	4,137	5,536
From 41 to 50	2,304	3,254
Carried forward	28,004	39,278

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	28,004	39,278
From 51 to 60	1,069	1,650
From 61 to 80	225	365
Ages not stated... ...	5,686	7,681
Total	34,984	48,974

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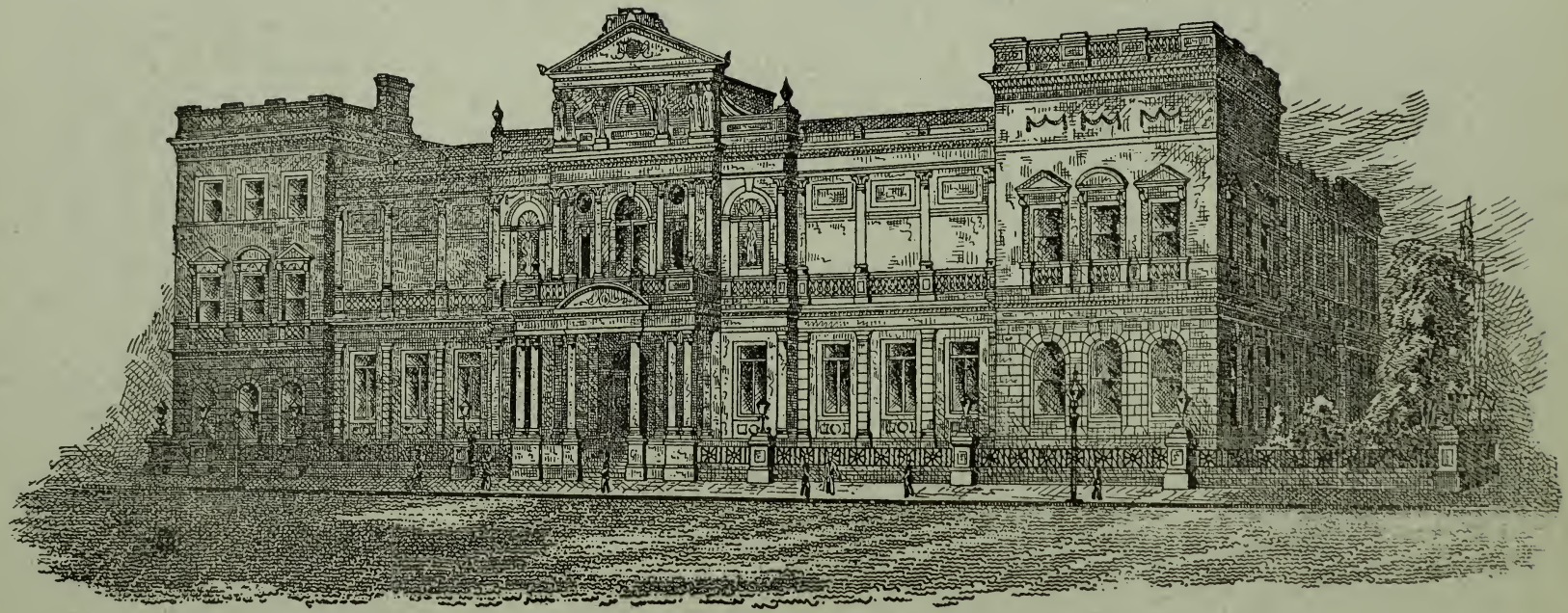

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SIXTH REPORT

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1886-87.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

It will be in the remembrance of the Council that the last Report presented by the Public Libraries Committee covered a period of rather more than eighteen months, viz. :—from September 19th, 1884, to, and including March 25th, 1886. This course was adopted so as to allow the Library year, and the Financial year to terminate together on the latter date, but now, the Reports again become Annual documents.

Nothing of special importance has characterised the work of the past year. The circulation of Books from the Lending, and Juvenile Libraries shows a decrease, while the issue of Books in the Reference, and Patent Libraries indicates an increase on the figures of the previous year. The decrease in the circulating Libraries your Committee have endeavoured to account for under the several departmental headings in the body of this Report.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

This department was open to the public on 299 days. The total number of volumes issued for home reading was 194,742, or a decrease of 32,124 on the previous twelve months. This considerable falling off in the issue your Committee are of opinion is owing to two causes, the first being the want of a printed Catalogue of the Books added to the Lending Libraries, and the consequent suspension of many volumes from circulation during the printing of the New Supplementary Catalogue. It

will be observed on Reference to Table IV., page 15, that the daily average issue had fallen to a little over 500 volumes in November and December, 1886, but it increased in January, 1887, to over 600, in February to 700, and in March to over 800. The Supplementary Catalogue was published in the middle of January, and the increased circulation may be fairly attributed to that fact, whilst the previous want of such a means of selecting books, accounts in great measure for the decrease in the issue in the early part of the year. In the second place that decrease may also, in the opinion of your Committee, be partly accounted for by the fact that in September, 1884, the number of persons on the books holding Readers' Tickets entitling them to borrow books for home reading was 19,898, but in consequence of the decision arrived at by the Committee in November, 1885, that "all Readers' Tickets should be called in so as to be checked, renewed, cancelled, or otherwise dealt with," this number fell at March, 1886, to 8,532. As it had been further decided by the Committee that "in future, Readers' Tickets shall only be available for twelve months from the date of issue, instead of remaining in force for five years as heretofore," the number continued steadily to fall until on January 29th, 1887, only 6,087 Tickets were held by Readers. The Committee being satisfied that the restriction thus put upon the Readers was seriously militating against the usefulness of the Library, as well as affecting the issue of books, unanimously decided to rescind their previous resolutions, and in future, to allow Readers' Tickets to remain in force for a term of THREE YEARS, subject to the Rules and Regulations which govern this department of the Library. The result is startling. The number of Tickets in use on January 29th, 1887, as previously stated, was only 6,087, and the issue during that month 603 daily, the number of Tickets in use had increased on March 25th to 10,889 (divided as follows :—Citizens, 3,237 ; Non-Citizens, 7,652), and the daily issue had risen to 818. It is therefore confidently expected that with the important facilities for the selection of books provided by the new Supplementary Catalogue, and an increased roll of membership, the circulation in the coming year 1887-88 will materially improve.

The new Supplementary Catalogue is a Royal Octavo Volume of 320 pages, printed in double columns in Brevier, and Nonpareil types, and deals with about 10,000 volumes added to this department since 1880. Your Committee regret to state that although a great expense has been incurred in the printing, and publication of this Catalogue, comparatively few copies have been purchased by Readers, they, therefore, take this opportunity of urging upon all Ticket-holders the advantage which

Catalogues would be to them in their efforts to secure for themselves, and the members of their families an intelligent selection of some of the very best works in the Literature of our own and other Countries, whilst the sale would increase the income of the Committee available for the purchase of additional books.

Your Committee have been able by purchase, and by the kind assistance of Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., of Wilton Castle, to provide for the use of blind persons (a considerable number of whom are resident in the City) a library of 164 volumes in the Braile, and Worcester embossed types suitable for blind persons, and in addition to including the works in the General Catalogue, special lists of these books have been printed, and are on sale at ONE PENNY EACH.

It is eminently satisfactory to be able to state that these books are in considerable demand, and are well preserved by the Readers. The power of being able to read not only the Sacred Scriptures, but some of the best English Classics, and works of an entertaining, and instructive nature has proved an inestimable boon to many, who, without this provision, would have had no part in the privileges of the City Library.

At the Sixth Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1886, only THREE VOLUMES were found to be unaccounted for, making the total number of volumes lost since the opening of the Library in 1880, SIXTEEN, while during the same period the issue has reached a total of **1,538,445,** being an average annually of **236,684.**

Now that the Library has been in operation for six and a half years, your Committee find that a large number of volumes, chiefly of a popular character, require from time to time to be replaced, as the old copies have become so worn, or imperfect, as to be past rebinding. This work of replacement, it must be remembered, prevents the purchase of as many new works as the Committee would, if the funds at their disposal permitted, desire to add to the collection.

During the past year the books have, as a rule, been returned by borrowers with greater accuracy, and, as a result, the difficulty of obtaining books has not been so much felt as in previous years, while the amount received for fines has fallen off in a proportionable degree.

The Total Stock in this department now reaches 29,251 volumes, being an addition of 9,182 volumes since the opening of the Lending Library in September, 1880, or an annual average addition of 1,413 volumes, irrespective of the replacement of worn-out, and damaged books.

THE JUVENILE LIBRARY.

22,050 volumes have been issued in this department, or a decrease of 8,185 on the previous year. This serious falling off in the issue is again to be explained by the reduced number of Readers' Tickets in use, the suspension of the major portion of this collection for the purpose of re-cataloguing and replacement, and the want of a new edition of the "Juvenile Catalogue." These causes will, however, be almost immediately removed.

The New Catalogue is now in a forward state of preparation, and during the past year the entire library has been thoroughly overhauled, the worn-out and imperfect volumes withdrawn, and replaced by new books, or new editions of works of an interesting, and instructive character. The actual number of volumes withdrawn, and replaced during the year was 436, and the stock in hand at this date represents 1,906 volumes, or an increase of 51 volumes on the previous return.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

The total number of volumes included in this collection now amounts to 3,507, being an addition of 94 over last return. The issue has reached a total of 4,055, or an increase of 1,234.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

The total number of visits recorded as having been made to the News-Room on Week-days during the past year is 627,091, or a daily average of 2,097, being a slight decrease on the attendance during 1885-86. This falling of, your Committee have reason to believe, is owing to the fact that the working classes have been kept more fully employed, and in this light, the diminution in the number of visits may be viewed with satisfaction. The total number of visits paid to the news-room on Week-days since the opening on September 1st, 1882, is **2,554,023.**

The Sunday attendance at this room during the year has amounted to 35,210 separate visits, or a daily average of 677, being an increase of 28 over last return. The total number of Sunday visits since the opening on October 7th, 1883, is **116,472.**

The News-Room is now regularly supplied with 33 daily, 81 weekly and bi-weekly, 115 monthly and bi-monthly, and 10 quarterly Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews, and other serial publications. For lists, *See* pp. 23–24.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The entire stock of volumes contained in this department, including the "Specifications for Patents of Inventions," and the "Thomlinson Library," now amounts to 28,911, being an addition of 906 volumes on the previous return, of which number 401 have been presented.

The issue has reached 45,661 volumes, being an increase on the return of the previous year of 7,512.

It is also gratifying to note that the percentages of issue in Class C—Science and Natural History, Class E—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics, Class F—Philology and Education, and Class G—Poetry and the Drama have increased, while the percentage of issue in Class H—Prose Fiction has decreased.—*See* Table IX., page 20.

A number of valuable works have been added to this department during the past year, both by purchase and presentation, among them special attention may be called to the following, viz. :—

Anderson's Scotland in Pagan Times. Beaconsfield's Speeches; edited by Kebbel. Bell's Iron Trade of the United Kingdom. Bishop Berkeley's Life, and Works; edited by Fraser. Bewick Gleanings; edited by Boyd. Brockie's Folks of Shields. Brymner's Report on the Canadian Archives. Byrne's Structure of Language. Canadian Census Returns for 1884–85. Challamel's History of Fashion. "Challenger" Reports—Botany; vol. 2. —Zoology; vol. 14–19. Child's English, and Scottish Popular Ballads; part 4. Cleasby, and Vigfusson's Icelandic-English Dictionary. Corpus Poeticum Boreale; edited by Vigfusson, and Powell. Councils, and Ecclesiastical Documents relating to Great Britain, and Ireland; edited by Haddon, and Stubbs. Cox's First Century of Christianity. Davies' History of Holland. Deschanel's Natural Philosophy; 9th edition. Dobson (John) Memoirs of. By his Daughter. Duncker's History of Greece; vol. 2. Ebert's Bibliographical Dictionary. Encyclopædia Americana; vol. 2—3. Encyclopædia Britannica; vol. 21—22. Ganot's Physics; 11th edition. Gerard's Peace of Utrecht. Gneist's English Parliament. Hamilton's Federalist. Hamilton's Parodies of the Works of English, and American Authors. Hebrew Roots. By Abie'l-Walîd Marwân ibn Janâh; edited by Neubauer. Hickson's Ireland in the 17th Century. Irish Histories. Ancient: the Works of Spencer, Campion, Hanmer, and Marleburrough. Jean's Railway Problems. Kelly's Post Office Directories for 1887. Kitchin's History of France. Knighton's Struggles for Life. Layard's Cuneform Inscriptions. Lorimer's Laws of Nations. Lotze's Logic. Lotze's Meta-

physics. Mackinnon's History of the Coldstream Guards. Minchin's Treatise on Statics. Naumann's History of Music; edited by Ouseley. Nautical Magazine, Complete set of the. North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Transactions of the. Palmer's River Tyne. Payne's Tales from the Arabic; published by the Villon Society. Perkins' France under Mazarin. Perry's Manufacturer's, and Merchant's Directory of Great Britain, and Ireland, 1886. Pipe Roll Society, Publications of the. Pontalis' John De Witt: Grand Pensionary of Holland. Prestwich's Geology. Price's Descriptive Account of the Guildhall, London. Rogers' History of Agriculture, and Prices. Rolls of Parliament, A.D. 1278–1503, Index to the. Roscoe, and Schorlemmer's Chemistry; vol. 3, part 3. Scherer's History of German Literature; edited by Max Müller. Seaton's Marine Engine; 6th edition. Seebohm's British Birds. Simcox's Latin Literature. State Bulletins, A.D. 1793—1884, Complete set of the. Stebbing's Verdicts of History Reviewed. Stevenson's Flora of British Fungi, vol. 2. Sturlunga Saga; edited by Vigfusson. Summers' Handbook of the Chinese Language. Symond's Renaissance in Italy: the Catholic Reaction. Taylor's Autobiography. Thesaurus Syriacus; edited by Smith. Tilden's Speeches; edited by Biglow. United States of America, Reports from the Consuls of the, on the Commerce, Manufactures, etc., of their Consular Districts. Welsh Texts, Old: the Text of the Mabinogion from the Red Book of Hergest. Westgarth's Prize Essays on the Street Re-alignment, Reconstruction, etc., of London. Whitelock's Memorials of English Affairs—A.D. 1625—60. Williams, and Bruce's Admiralty Practice; 2nd edition; edited by Bruce, and Jemmit. Wycliffe's Bible; edited by Forshall, and Madden.

Your Committee regret to state that although every means have been employed to secure copies of the few books yet required to replace those burnt, or damaged by water at the disastrous Fire in the Reference Department on November 24th, 1884, Twenty volumes are still needed before the Library will have recovered all its losses from that calamity, and they take this opportunity of re-printing a list of the works so wanted, in the hope that persons having copies of the books in their possession may be induced to present them to the Institution, or at least to make an offer of them to the Committee on reasonable terms. The works are as follows:—

Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur"; edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Collyer, and Pocock's Historical Records of the London, and Westminster

Light Horse Volunteers, demy 8vo., 1843. Dalyell's Rare and Remarkable Animals of Scotland, 2 vols., 4to., 1847–48. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols., post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," 2 vols., 4to., 1844. Guarino-Euclides Adauctus, folio, 1671. Historical Records of the 52nd; or, Oxfordshire Light Infantry, Roy. 8vo., 1860. Naval Architecture: a Collection of miscellaneous papers. North Staffordshire Institute of Mining, and Mechanical Engineers, Transactions of the, Complete set of the. Santvoord's Lives of the Chief Justices of the United States, demy 8vo., New York, 1854. Smith's Synopsis of the British Diatomaceæ, 2 vols., Roy. 8vo., 1853–56. Wood's Natural History of Birds, Roy. 8vo., 1875.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The work of overhauling this collection; together with the re-arrangement, binding, classification, shelving, and cataloguing of the books will almost immediately be undertaken, and it is confidently anticipated that the books will be available for public reference during the current year.

CONFERENCE OF NORTHERN UNION OF MECHANICS' INSTITUTIONS.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held in the Lecture Hall of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library, on August 10th, 1886, on the Invitation of the Corporation, and Public Libraries Committee of this City. The Right Worshipful the Mayor (B. C. Browne, Esq., C.E., J.P.) being the President.

An interesting paper was read by the Vice-Chairman of the Books and House Committee of the Newcastle Public Libraries (Mr. Adam Carse), entitled "Public Libraries: Past, Present, and to Come," and at the conclusion of the morning sitting, the Delegates and others present were entertained to luncheon in the Northumberland Hall by the Mayor, and Corporation.

The conference was continued during the afternoon, and tea was provided in the Northumberland Hall by the Public Libraries Committee, at which gathering the chair was occupied by Mr. Alderman Henry W. Newton, Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee.

In the evening a conversazione was held in the Public Library buildings, which was largely attended, and the music, and the various objects of Art and Science provided for the inspection of visitors proved of great interest to all present.

DONATIONS.

The number of volumes presented to the Library since the publication of the last Report (including 94 volumes of Patent Office Publications), amounts to 554; the principal gifts having been received from W. E. Adams, Esq. T. P. Barkas, Esq., F.G.S. Sir I. Lowthian Bell, Bart. The Trustees of the British Museum. Dr. J. Collingwood Bruce, F.S.A. Gainsford Bruce, Esq., Q.C. Isambard K. Brunel, Esq. Andrew Carnegie, Esq. Adam Carse, Esq. The Delegates of the Clarendon Press. The Cobden Club. Joseph Crawhall, Esq. The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The Council of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers, and Shipbuilders. The Governments of the United States of America, Canada, Queensland, and Victoria. W. M. Henzell, Esq. The Local Government Board. Sir Charles Lowther, Bart. The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (B. C. Browne, Esq., C.E., J.P.). The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Chamber of Commerce. The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Temperance Society. Professor Piazzi Smyth, Astronomer Royal for Scotland. W. D. Stephens, Esq., J.P.

The total number of books presented to the Libraries since the adoption of the "Public Libraries Act," amount to 7,912 volumes.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

During the Session 1886-87 the subjects taught included the following, viz.:—

In Science:—Applied, and Theoretical Mechanics; Building Construction; Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry; Machine Construction, and Drawing; Steam, and the Steam Engine; Mathematics.

In Art:—Model, and Freehand Drawing; Perspective; Drawing from the Cast; Oil, and Water-Colour Painting.

Classes in Physics had to be abandoned owing to the limited number of pupils who attended.

The Classes, as in previous years, were under the direction of the Principal Master, Mr. J. A. G. Ross, M.I.M.E., assisted by a qualified staff of teachers; Mr. James Watson conducting the Art Classes.

In the Literary and Commercial Classes, Phonetic Shorthand was taught by Mr. Henry McLagan; French, by Mons. Chibourg; German, by Dr. Schunemann; English Grammar, and Composition, by Mr. E. Goldie; Book-keeping, and Writing, by Mr. Joseph Murray.

The number of Students attending the Classes was similar to the last two years.

Owing to the time at which the Report of the Public Libraries Committee is dated, viz., March, the results of the May Science and Art Examinations for the present Session cannot be given.

The results of the Session 1885-86 (which could not be given in last Report for the same reason), are as follows :—

134 Science Papers were worked, 91 Students were successful in obtaining Certificates, and several Queen's Prizes.

9 Pupils of the School of Art obtained Certificates.

In the City and Guilds of London Institute Technological Examinations, 5 Students secured Certificates.

A considerable number of prizes in Books, etc., were awarded by the Committee to the most deserving Students, and at the request of the Public Libraries Committee, Alderman and Sheriff Stephenson, J.P., kindly presented the prizes, and gave a most interesting address to the Students.

The Committee cannot conclude this Report without testifying to the admirable manner in which the Library Staff have performed their duties under the direction of the Chief Librarian, Mr. Haggerston ; the excellent results obtained, and the success achieved by the Libraries being in a large measure due to the efficient way in which Mr. Haggerston, and his Staff have carried out the work of the Committee.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

TOWN HALL,

29th July, 1887.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING, JUNE–JULY, 1887.

The Total Number of Volumes contained in the Libraries at the end of June was 58,706, divided as follows :—

REFERENCE LIBRARY—	
Ordinary Stock	21,291
Specifications for Patents of Inventions	3,528
Thomlinson Library	4,370
Total	29,189
LENDING LIBRARY—	
Adult Section	27,579
Juvenile Department	1,938
	29,517
Increase in both Departments on last Stock-taking return	2,231

The following table may be interesting, as showing the comparative growth of a few of the representative Public Libraries of the United Kingdom as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne, upon the completion of the Seventh Year of actual Work from the dates of their several Inaugurations :—

City or Town.	Population at Census Return nearest to end of Seventh Library Year.	Date of Census.	STOCK OF VOLUMES.			Total Stock.
			Reference.	Lending.	Branch Libraries.	
Manchester.....	338,722	1861	27,012	11,198	(2) 8,541	46,751
Leeds.....	309,126	1881	21,947	21,290	(20) 47,026	90,263
Sheffield.....	185,157	1861	2,491	17,010	None.	19,501
Newcastle.....	145,359	1881	29,189	29,517	None.	58,706
Nottingham ...	86,621	1871	4,109	15,390	None.	19,499

The issue from both departments of the Library during the year has been as follows :—

Lending Library	192,401
Reference Library	44,829
Total	237,230
Daily Average	804

As a result of the recent Stock-taking three volumes remain unaccounted for, viz. :—

Reference Library.—Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, Reports 1876-83.
Lending Library.—Besant, and Rice's "Seamy Side," No. A7950, and
MacDonald's "Stephen Archer," No. B1236.
Cash value of the three volumes, 7/4.

The total number of Volumes lost in both departments since the opening of the Libraries in September, 1880, is 19, and the cash value of same, £2. 14s. 0d.

During the year 161 Volumes have been bound for the Reference Library, and 823 for the Lending Library, or a total in both Departments of 984, as against 1,587 last year.

750 Volumes have been replaced in the Lending Library, having been found to be so worn, or damaged, as to require replacement by new copies, and of this number 44 have been paid for by Borrowers, and 436 have been required to replace worn copies in the Juvenile Library alone, where of necessity the "wear and tear" is great.

The number of Readers who failed to return their books prior to the Annual Stock-taking was 159, and of this number, the books have since been recovered from, and the Fines, etc., paid by 146, leaving 13 yet to be finally dealt with.

Thirteen Works contained in twenty Volumes are still required to replace the copies burnt, or seriously damaged, during the Fire in the Reference Library in November, 1884.

Presented to, and approved by the City Council,
October 28th, 1887,

HENRY W. NEWTON,
CHAIRMAN.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE STOCK IN LENDING, AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1886		28,196	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1887:—			
By Gift	153		
By Purchase	902		
		1,055	
Total Stock in Lending Library			29,251

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1886		28,030	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1887:—			
By Gift, including Specifications of Inventions, and Publications of Patent Office	401		
By Purchase	500		
		901	
Total Stock in Reference Library			28,931
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at fire, and not yet replaced by other copies			20
			28,911

TOTAL STOCK.

Total stock of volumes in both Departments from all sources:—		
From Mechanics' Institute Library	2,003	
By Gift (including 3,507 volumes of Patent Specifications, and Abstracts)	7,912	
Thomlinson Library transferred	4,365	
Do. recovered since transfer	5	
By Purchase	43,897	
		58,182
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		20
Total Stock		58,162

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN REFERENCE, AND LENDING LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	1,566	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels (* 5) ...	3,969	
C.—Science, and Natural History (* 10)	2,169	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities	1,976	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	2,079	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias	1,732	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	876	
H.—Prose Fiction	333	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature; including the Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies (* 5)...	6,354	
	21,054	
Publications of the Patent Office...	3,507	
Thomlinson Library	4,370	
Total Reference Stock		28,931

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy...	2,335	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels... ...	7,014	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,503	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities	1,255	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	879	
F.—Philology, and Education	354	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,402	
H.—Prose Fiction	7,353	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	4,250	
K.—Juvenile Literature	1,906	
		29.251
Total Stock in both Libraries		58,182
* *Less*—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		20
		58,162

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880.

11,531 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

288 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

46 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

1,174 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past rebinding, and have been replaced by the Committee, this number includes 436 volumes belonging to the Juvenile Library which have been withdrawn during the current year.

14 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace can be found.

16 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Ainsworth's Star Chamber. Austen's Mansfield Park. Besant, and Rice's Ten Years' Tenant. Carleton's Traits, and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Fitzgerald's Recreations of a Literary Man; 2 Vols. Gosman's Seven Days in London. Habberton's Barton Experiment. James' Arabella Stuart. Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome. Military Life, Tales of, Vol. I. Mitchell's Bainbridge Home; 2 Vols. Sadler's Flag Lieutenant. Starling's Noble Deeds of Women. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin; edited by Crowe.

TABLE IV.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1886, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1887.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1886.													
March 26th, to 31st	69	346	169	71	18	19	85	2,443	299	601	4,120	5	824
April	315	1,458	842	268	137	61	273	11,105	1,552	2,650	18,661	24	777
May	276	1,363	804	304	151	67	338	11,111	1,577	2,767	18,758	26	721
June*	118	624	384	135	73	49	182	6,535	827	1,530	10,457	22	475
July*	175	836	512	197	90	56	139	9,338	1,059	1,785	14,187	24	591
August	213	959	478	229	86	68	232	10,360	1,168	1,958	15,751	25	630
September...	222	1,241	665	227	164	89	218	11,237	1,286	2,541	17,890	26	688
October	241	1,422	760	271	148	92	295	11,818	1,505	2,658	19,210	26	739
November...	159	1,266	512	194	159	71	159	8,539	957	1,749	13,765	26	529
December	212	1,078	523	146	98	42	196	8,422	1,000	1,008	12,725	25	509
1887.													
January	222	1,405	625	262	120	85	280	9,486	1,206	776	14,467	24	603
February	357	1,646	809	308	252	94	242	10,656	1,547	849	16,760	24	698
March 1st, to 25th	287	1,606	787	323	144	95	433	11,642	1,496	1,178	17,991	22	818
Total Issue in each Class ...	2,866	15,250	7,870	2,935	1,640	888	3,072	122,692	15,479	22,050	194,742	299	651
Class Percentage of Entire Issue	1·47	7·83	4·04	1·50	0·84	0·45	1·57	63·00	7·94	11·32	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	10	51	26	10	5	3	10	410	52	74	651		
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	2,335	7,014	2,503	1,255	879	354	1,402	7,353	4,250	1,906	29,251		
Turn Over	1·22	2·17	3·15	2·34	1·86	2·51	2·19	16·69	3·64	11·57	6·66		

* Library closed from June 28th, to and including July 3rd for Annual Stock-taking.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	* Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issue in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issue.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,425	2	8,516	45,756	383,562	8·38	16,478	295,528	17·94	77·04
2	Birmingham	1860	400,757	5	19,031	57,349	478,903	8·35	21,074	303,228	14·38	63·32
3	Manchester	1852	341,508	6	40,342	97,606	726,448	7·44	26,586	493,738	18·57	67·96
4	Leeds	1870	309,126	26	22,079	109,637	732,465	6·68	45,021*	433,274*	9·62	59·15
5	Sheffield	1855	284,410	4	15,299	69,451	399,653	5·75	16,610	245,155	14·76	61·34
6	Bristol	1876	206,503	5	17,657	63,093	396,681	6·28	15,412	322,244	20·90	81·23
7	Nottingham	1868	186,656	4	11,910	32,963	235,088	7·13	16,150	188,401	11·67	80·14
8	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	10,889	29,251	194,742	6·66	7,353	122,692	16·69	63·00
9	Leicester	1871	122,351	2	4,900	21,359	162,949	7·63	9,027	107,702	11·93	66·09
10	Preston	1879	96,532	1	12,030	14,081	104,241	7·40	3,334†	70,899	21·26	68·01
11	Norwich	1857	87,843	1	3,376	10,945	81,365	7·43	3,187	60,593	19·01	74·47
12	Wolverhampton	1869	75,738	1	2,500	23,424	80,293	3·42	6,925	50,043	7·22	62·32
13	Rochdale	1872	68,865	1	6,000	28,208	138,360	4·90	11,093	108,800	9·80	78·63

* Includes Poetry, and the Drama. † Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 8th in Population, 8th in Stock, 9th in Turn-Over, 8th in number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction is lower than in nine of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades, and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Actress		1
Artists		2
Assistants, Shop		19
Bookbinders		4
Cashiers...		3
Charwomen		2
Clerks, and Bookeepers ...		19
Cooks, and Confectioners ...	4	10
Domestic Servants		31
Dress, and Mantle Makers ...	11	122
Governesses	2	28
Grocers	3	6
Hosier		1
House-Keepers...		16
Laundresses	1	3
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmaids	2	5
Lodging-House Keepers ...	4	
Machinists	2	13
Manageresses		9
Carried forward ...	29	294

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	29	294
Matrons		11
Milliners	6	45
Nurses	1	16
Pawnbrokers		2
Perfumer	1	
Professors of Music	1	4
Pupil Teachers...		35
Registry-Office Keepers ...	1	1
Saleswomen		37
Scholars...		177
Schoolmistresses	3	43
Shopkeepers	2	7
Teachers	6	126
Telegraphists	1	4
Upholstresses	1	8
Waitresses		3
No Occupation stated	195	2,360
Total ...	247	3,173

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	44	21
Actor		1
Actuaries, and Notaries ...	3	
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc.	187	65
Apprentices		200
Architects	17	17
Artists	18	18
Assistants, Shop	12	95
Auctioneers	7	
Bailiff	1	
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	22	18
Banker	1	
Basket, and Box Makers ...	1	1
Bell Hangers	2	
Belt Makers	4	1
Blacksmiths	25	17
Block, and Mast Makers ...	2	
Boiler Makers	14	10
Bookbinders	10	16
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	9	20
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	36	22
Bottlers...	1	5
Brass Finishers	11	19
Brass Founders	3	10
Brewers	5	3
Bricklayers	24	8
Brick Makers	1	3
Brokers	2	1
Brush Makers	5	10
Carried forward ...	467	581

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	467	581
Builders, and Contractors ...	37	3
Butchers	32	19
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	51	49
Cab Proprietors...	1	1
Caretakers, and Janitors ...	2	4
Carpet Planners	1	1
Cartmen, and Rolleymen ...	12	17
Cartwrights	1	1
Carvers, and Gilders	12	14
Cashiers...	19	6
Cellarmen	2	3
Chainmaker	1	
Chemists, Analytical	23	13
Chemists, and Druggists ...	10	24
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	36	28
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	235	847
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	9	10
Coachmen, and Grooms ...	3	13
Collectors	5	2
Colliery Owners	2	
Commercial Travellers ...	72	45
Consuls, and Vice-Consuls ...	2	1
Coopers	8	7
Cork Cutters	4	
Cutler	1	
Cover Makers	1	6
Dairyman	1	
Dentists...	3	3
Carried forward ...	1,053	1,698

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,053	1,698
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons... ...	16	17
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	75	96
Draughtsmen	24	42
Drillers	5	5
Drysalters	3	
Dyers	4	3
Electricians	3	36
Elocutionist	1	
Engineers	87	142
Engineers, Civil	6	10
Engineers, Consulting... ...	2	1
Engineers, Marine	2	
Engineers, Mining	4	4
Engine Drivers	3	1
Enginemen	7	10
Engravers, and Embossers ...	4	12
Errand Boys		127
Farmers...	2	
Fellmongers	5	2
File Cutter	1	
Firemen...	4	6
Fishmongers	7	1
Fitters	48	88
Foremen	22	4
French Polishers	4	4
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	14	10
Furnacemen	3	
Furniture-Brokers	1	1
Furriers...	4	2
Gardeners	3	5
Gas Inspectors	3	
Glass Blowers, and Cutters ...	3	8
Glass Painters, and Stainers ...	5	5
Goldsmiths	2	
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	95	64
Hairdressers, and Perfumers ...	1	13
Hatters	9	2
Hawkers	3	1
Horse-Keeper	1	
Inspectors	10	1
Iron Founders	11	4
Ironmongers	12	14
Japanners	1	3
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	28	25
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	107	75
Journalists, and Reporters ...	18	14
Labourers	51	68
Last Makers	1	1
Law Stationers	3	2
Lead Workers	4	3
Leather Dressers	3	1
Librarians, Assistant		12
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	24	12
Lithographers	3	10
Lodging House Keepers ...	2	
Machinists	3	13
Managers, Various	36	21
Carried forward ...	1,856	2,699

	Citizens.	Non Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,856	2,699
Manufacturers—Biscuit, Brick, Chemical, File, Iron, Leather, Manure, Soap, Tobacco, etc.	31	4
Masons	43	30
Master Mariners	10	4
Mechanics	13	16
Medical Students		21
Merchants — Chemical, Coal, Glass, Iron, Leather, Timber, Wine and Spirit, etc. ...	125	23
Messengers	4	20
Millwrights	6	5
Millers	11	4
Miners	6	8
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	25	35
Museum Keeper		1
Musicians	7	13
Nail Maker	1	
Newspaper Despatchers ...	2	1
Officers, Army	1	1
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	5	6
— of H.M. Customs	7	12
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	12	10
Opticians	1	1
Overseers, and Superintendents	17	8
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, and Paperhangers	61	30
Paviours...	3	
Pawnbrokers	8	1
Pensioners, Army and Navy ...	1	3
Photographers	4	12
Pilot	1	
Plasterers	16	5
Platelayers	2	3
Platers	6	11
Plumbers	33	37
Police Officers	3	3
Porters	14	21
Post-office Officials	9	37
Potters	5	2
Press Readers	1	4
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	65	81
Professors of Music		4
Publishers	3	
Pupil Teachers		17
Quay Master	1	
Quarrymen	1	1
Railway Employees	36	21
Registrars	2	
Relieving Officers	2	
Restaurant Keepers	2	
Riding Master		1
Rivetters	6	9
Rope Makers	3	1
Saddlers...	5	5
Sail Makers	4	2
Sailors	4	3
Salesmen	17	13
Sawyers	5	2
Carried forward ...	2,506	3,251

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,506	3,251
Scholars		602
School Board Officers	4	
Schoolmasters	14	19
Sculptors, and Stone Carvers ...	1	3
Secretaries	6	3
Separators	2	
Ship Brokers	18	6
Ship Owners	11	1
Shipwrights	13	2
Shorthand Writers	2	5
Shopkeepers	15	4
Silversmith	1	
Slaters	7	5
Smiths	13	15
Soldiers	2	3
Solicitors	19	10
Stevedores	4	
Stock, and Share Brokers ...	3	1
Store, and Time Keepers ...	19	9
Strikers	2	2
Students		54
Surveyors	6	12
Sweep	1	
Tailors, and Cutters	61	42
Tanners, and Curriers	7	2
Telegraphists	19	38
Carried forward ...	2,756	4,089

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,756	4,089
Teachers	25	77
Ticket-Writers	2	3
Tinsmiths	2	
Tobacconists	3	3
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers...	6	6
Treasurer	1	
Turners	11	14
Umbrella Makers	1	2
Underwriter	1	
Verger	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	2	1
Waiters	3	3
Warehousemen	45	32
Watermen	4	6
Weaver		1
Wharfingers	1	1
Wheelwrights	1	4
Whitesmiths	8	1
Wire-Workers	5	8
No Occupation stated	112	228
Total Males	2,990	4.479
Total Females	247	3,173
Total Males, and Females	3,237	7.652
Total Number of Readers	10,889	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	446	129
From 14 to 20	2,215	932
From 21 to 30	1,411	875
From 31 to 40	319	347
Carried forward ...	4,391	2,283

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	4,391	2,283
From 41 to 50	155	192
From 51 to 60	47	64
From 61 to 76	36	73
Ages not stated	62	349
Total	4,691	2.961

P.S.—The ages of Citizen Borrowers not having been asked for. a Tabulated Statement cannot, therefore, be given.

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas' ..	6	96	164
St. John's	89	218	307
St. Andrew's North...	408	1.249	1,657
St. Andrew's South...	95	159	254
All Saints' East ...	376	950	1,326
All Saints' West ...	79	56	135
Carried forward	1,115	2 728	3,843

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	1,115	2,728	3.843
Westgate	541	1,330	1,871
Elswick	843	2,017	2.860
Jesmond	255	705	960
Byker	353	630	983
Heaton	107	242	349
Non-resident Freemen	23	—	23
Total	3,237	7,652	10.889

TABLE IX.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library, during Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1887, the Number of Open Days, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, the Class Percentage of Issues, the Number of Volumes in Stock, and the Turn Over in each Class.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1886.													
March 26th, to 31st	72	138	171	194	11	46	18	33	157	69	909	5	181
April	201	492	354	882	69	260	70	106	459	373	3,266	24	136
May	201	539	535	534	313	405	42	84	363	468	3,484	26	134
June*	121	292	365	329	358	327	56	44	368	196	2,456	22	111
July*	168	381	205	399	383	278	46	119	413	604	2,996	24	125
August	178	504	376	543	399	292	86	83	730	133	3,324	25	133
September	210	697	432	721	431	370	84	136	775	376	4,232	26	163
October	334	795	543	657	474	400	106	157	926	314	4,706	26	181
November	289	828	416	678	471	456	86	55	943	254	4,476	26	172
December	153	497	449	413	448	465	82	115	633	383	3,638	25	145
1887.													
January	253	589	353	441	479	428	308	73	692	331	3,947	24	164
February	239	763	473	670	473	362	143	126	625	153	4,027	24	167
March 1st, to 25th	292	656	461	505	433	359	236	145	712	401	4,200	22	191
Total Issue in each Class ...	2,711	7,171	5,133	6,906	4,742	4,448	1,363	1,276	7,796	4,055	45,661	299	152·7
Class Percentage of entire Issue..	5·93	15·70	11·24	15·25	10·38	9·74	2·98	2·79	17·07	8·88	100·00	...	...
Daily Average in each Class ...	9	24	17	23	16	15	5	4	26	13	152	...	...
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	1,566	3,969†	2,169†	1,976	2,079	1,732	876	333	6,354†	3,507	24,561†	...	...
Turn Over	1·73	1·80	2·37	3·52	2·28	2·56	1·55	3·83	1·20	1·15	1·85	...	...

* Library closed from June 28th. to and including July 3rd for Annual Stock-taking.
† Less 20 Volumes that were burnt, or damaged by fire, and not yet replaced by other copies.

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades, and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	58	184
Actors, and Actresses	7	12
Agents	262	652
Apprentices	61	102
Architects	187	1,269
Artists	222	621
Assistants, Shop	26	32
Auctioneers	4	8
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	50	81
Barristers	4	12
Belt Makers	20	21
Blacksmiths	97	142
Blind Makers	13	19
Boilermakers	57	109
Bookbinders	9	21
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	57	81
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	13	14
Brass Finishers...	17	40
Brass Founders	5	8
Brewers	31	33
Bricklayers	2	2
Brokers	4	42
Brushmaker	1	1
Builders	39	76
Butchers	29	45
Butlers	22	43
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	91	150
Cabmen	2	3
Canvassers	124	227
Caretaker	1	2
Cartmen	6	9
Carpet Planners	2	3
Carvers, and Gilders	255	379
Cashiers	10	21
Cellarman	1	1
Chainmaker	1	1
Checkers	68	167
Chemists, and Druggists ...	230	783
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	247	806
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	2,164	3,705
Clothiers	2	2
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	48	87
Collectors	3	3
Commercial Travellers ...	127	271
Contractors	57	136
Dentists	6	8
Drapers	153	253
Draughtsmen	287	615
Drillers	18	28
Drysalters	5	16
Electricians	34	166
Carried forward ...	5,239	11,511

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	5,239	11,511
Elocutionists	14	69
Engine Drivers	6	15
Engineers	945	3,010
Engineers, Civil	21	37
Engineers, Consulting ...	5	62
Engineers, Mining	42	122
Engravers	61	67
Farmers	2	2
File Cutters	13	38
Firemen...	13	20
Fitters, and Turners	466	820
Foreman	1	1
Fruiterers, and Seedsmen ...	31	54
Furrier	1	1
Gardeners	11	16
General Dealers	21	47
Glass Blowers, and Cutters ...	2	2
Glass Painters, and Stainers ...	120	315
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	188	347
Grooms	37	43
Hairdressers	12	22
Hatters	26	39
Inspectors	4	9
Ironfounders	6	6
Ironmongers	77	154
Japanners	26	67
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	86	158
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	365	843
Journalists, and Reporters ...	269	1,051
Labourers	636	881
Lamp Maker	1	2
Lead Workers	2	2
Lecturers	8	37
Library Assistants	313	552
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	43	63
Lithographers	12	44
Machinists	78	146
Managers, Various	30	61
Manufacturers	55	321
Mariners, Master	46	69
Masons	48	68
Mechanics	59	158
Medical Students	61	171
Merchants	109	407
Messengers	9	11
Millers	17	40
Millwrights	14	18
Miners	36	66
Milliner	1	1
Moulders, and Pattern-Makers	133	238
Musicians	50	85
Carried forward ...	9,871	22,389

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	9,871	22,389
Officers, Army	16	48
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	7	12
— of H.M. Customs	7	9
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	14	32
Opticians	19	36
Paviours	3	3
Painters	208	320
Paper Maker	1	3
Paper Stainers	20	28
Photographers	28	46
Plasterer	1	1
Platers	24	33
Plumbers	178	335
Polishers	61	97
Porters	155	352
Post-office Officials	30	80
Printers, and Compositors ...	124	217
Professors of Music	16	28
Publishers	47	326
Railway Servants	41	74
Registrars	2	10
Rivetters	10	10
Rope Maker	1	1
Saddlers	3	3
Sailors	166	231
Salesmen	30	43
Saleswomen	4	10
Sawyers...	6	6
Scholars	103	173
School Inspectors	7	11
Schoolmasters, and Schoolmistresses	238	501
Carried forward ...	11,441	25,468

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	11,441	25,468
Sculptors	87	117
Ship-Broker	1	8
Shipbuilders	3	26
Shipwrights	11	18
Shipowners	5	12
Slaters	9	12
Smiths	42	66
Soldiers	35	64
Solicitors	49	129
Steward	1	1
Stock-Broker	1	1
Store, and Time Keepers ...	4	4
Strikers	5	5
Students	450	1,340
Surgeons	84	189
Surveyors	8	17
Tailors, and Cutters	33	72
Tanners, and Curriers	6	7
Teachers	803	1.538
Telegraphists	64	105
Ticket Writers...	63	90
Tinsmiths	40	55
Tobacconists	21	34
Underwriters	2	28
Ventriloquist	1	22
Waiters	2	2
Warehousemen	69	128
Weighmen	7	9
Wire-Worker	1	1
No Occupation stated	5,448	16,093
Total	18,796	45,661

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	5,850	9.992
From 21 to 30	4,567	9,275
From 31 to 40	957	2,777
From 41 to 50	913	2,963
Carried forward	12,287	25,007

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols consulted.
Brought forward	12,287	25,007
From 51 to 60	175	589
From 61 to 80	110	538
Ages not stated... ...	6,224	19,527
Total	18,796	45,661

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*The Miller.
Theatre Magazine.
Tinsleys' Magazine.
*Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter.
*Vaccination Inquirer.
*Vegetarian Messenger.
Vom Fels zum Meer.
Walford's Antiquarian.
Westminster Review.
*Woman's Suffrage Journal.
*Workmen's Hall Messenger.

QUARTERLIES:—
Church Quarterly Review.
Dublin Review.
Edinburgh Review.
Journal of the Royal United Service Institution.
Journal of Microscopical Science.
Journal of the Statistical Society.
London Quarterly Review.
Quarterly Review.
*Sunday Review.
*Transactions of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers. (B. C. Browne, Esq.)

COLONIAL:—
*Canadian Gazette.
*Cape Argus.
*Toronto Weekly Globe (W. M. Henzell, Esq.)

RAILWAY GUIDES:—
Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
*Caledonian Railway.
*Cook's Excursionist.
*Cunard Steam Shipping Company.
*Gaze's Tourists' Guide.
*General Steam Navigation Company.
*Glasgow, and South Western Railway.
*Great Eastern Railway.
*Great North of Ireland Railway.
*Great North of Scotland Railway.
*Great Northern Railway.
*Great Southern, and Western Railway of Ireland.
*Great Western Railway.
*Highland Railway.
*Lambert's ABC Railway Time Table.
*Lancashire, and Yorkshire Railway.
*London, Brighton, & South Coast Railway.
*London, and North Western Railway.
*London, and South Western Railway.
*London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.
*Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.
*Midland Railway.
*North British Railway.
*North Eastern Railway.
*Reid's Railway Guide, 2 copies.
*South Eastern Railway.
*Williams' Railway Time Tables.

DONATIONS, 1886-87.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Abel & Imray (Messrs.) London ...	1	...
Adams (W. E.) Newcastle	1	1
America, United States of, Government of the	10	9
Appleton (J. D.) Durham	2	...
Archibald (C. M.)	...	2
Armstrong (H. E.) Medical Officer of Health, Newcastle	2	...
Barkas (Alderman T. P.) Newcastle..	17	26
Bell (Sir I. Lowthian) Rounton Grange, Northallerton	1	...
Bendigo School of Mines and Industries, Council of the, Victoria, Australia	...	1
Bewick Club, Newcastle	...	3
Biesterfeld (Ernest) Newcastle ...	1	...
Blake (W. F.) Campden Hill, London	...	6
Board of Trade, London	5	...
Bolton (Dr. Andrew) Newcastle ...	3	3
Briscoe (J. P.) Nottingham	1	3
British, and Foreign Swedenborg Society, London	...	1
British Home Rule Association, London	...	12
Browne (Councillor Benjamin Chapman, C.E.), Mayor of Newcastle ...	4	...
Bruce (Gainsford, Q.C.) London ...	1	...
Bruce (Rev. J. Collingwood, LL.D.) Newcastle	19	...
Brunel (Isambard) London	1	...
Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, Washington U.S.A..	2	...
Burgon (Dean, J. W.) Chichester ...	...	1
Canada, Government of	2	...
Carnegie (Andrew) London	1	...
Carse (Councillor Adam) Newcastle	5	35
Chalmers (Patrick) Wimbledon ...	1	...
Church of England Temperance Society, Newcastle	...	3
Civil Engineers, Institution of, London	5	...
Clarendon Press, Delegates of the, Oxford	57	...
Cobden Club, London	6	4
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester	1	...
Cotgreave (Alfred) Wandsworth, London	1	...
Crawhall (Joseph) Newcastle ...	26	8
Cuthbertson (Rev. James) Newcastle	1	...
Donkin (Samuel) Warkworth ...	2	...
Drysdale (William) Canada	1	5
Dublin University, Board of ...	3	...
Duffy & Sons (Messrs. James) Dublin	3	...
Dunn (R. Harty) Frome	...	1
Durham University, Senate of ...	1	...
Earp (John)	1	...
Elsdon (W. B.) Gateshead	...	3
Forget (A.) Cardiff	2	...
Garrick (Sir James F.) London ...	2	...
Gibson (James) Newcastle	5	...
Glasgow University, Senate of ...	1	...
Gow (William) Alyth	...	1
Great Eastern Railway Company, London	2	...
Grey (Henry) London	1	...
Guille & Allies (Messrs.) Guernsey ...	...	1
Hamilton (Ven. Arch. G. H.) Durham	...	1
Hamilton (Walter) London	3	...
Hampden (John) Balham, Surrey ...	...	9
Harvey (A. J.) Fulham, London ...	...	6
Hatley (Richard) Newcastle ...	1	...
Hazell, Watson, & Viney (Messrs.) London	1	...
Heath (Mrs.) Derby	...	2
Henzell (Councillor W. M.) Newcastle	18	...
Hetherington (Miss E.) London ...	...	5
Hibbert (Alderman James) Preston...	1	...
Howard (C. F.) London	2	...
Imperial Federation League... ...	3	2
Intermediate Correspondence Classes, The Principal of, London ...	4	...
Irish Press Agency	16	48
Japan, Imperial University of Tôkiô.	1	...
King's College, Council of. London ...	1	...
Lancashire, and Yorkshire Railway Company (Manchester)	2	...
Liberal Unionist Association, London	1	...
Libraries :—		
Aberdeen, Public		1
Ashton-under-Lyne, Public ...	1	...
Australia (South), Public Library of	...	1
Barrow-in-Furness, Public ...	...	1
Birkenhead, Public	...	1
Birmingham, Public	2	4
Blyth Mechanics' Institute ...	...	2
Bolton, Public	...	1
Boston Athenæum, Boston, U.S A.	1	5
Bradford, Public	...	1
Brighton, Public	...	1
Bristol, Public	...	4
British Museum	54	...
Cambridge, Public...	...	1
Cardiff, Public	1	6
Cheltenham, Public	..	1
Chester, Public	...	1
Clitheroe, Public	...	1
Columbia College (U.S.A.) ..	...	3
Cornell University (U.S.A.) ..	3	...
Coventry, Public	...	1
Darlington, Public...	...	1
Derby, Public	...	1
Devon, and Exeter Albert Memorial Museum, and Free Library ...	...	1
Doncaster, Public	...	1
Dudley, Public	...	1
Dundee, Public	...	1
Ealing, Public	...	1
Gateshead, Public	1	...

	Vols.	Phlts
Libraries, *contd.* :—		
Halifax, Public	...	1
Handsworth, Public	...	1
Harvard University (U.S.A.) ...	2	...
Jarrow, Public Hall, and Institute.	...	1
Kiddermiuster, Public	...	1
Leamington, Public	2	1
Leeds, Public	...	1
Leek, The Nicholson Public ...	...	1
Liverpool, Public	...	1
Manchester, Public	...	1
Middlesbrough, Public	...	1
Mitchell, Glasgow	...	1
Nottingham, Public	1	16
Paddington, Public	...	1
Plymouth, Public	...	2
Portsmouth, Public	...	1
Preston, Public	...	1
Richmond (Surrey), Public ...	...	1
Rochdale, Public	...	1
St. Helens, Public	...	1
Salford, Public	...	1
Sheffield, Public	...	1
Shrewsbury, Public	...	1
Smethwick, Public	...	1
Stafford, Public	...	1
Stockport, Public	...	1
Stoke-upon-Trent, Public	1	1
Sunderland, Public	1	...
Swansea, Public	...	1
Toronto (Canada), Public... ...	...	1
Walsall, Public	...	1
Wandsworth, Public	...	1
Weduesbury, Public	...	1
Wigan, Public	1	3
Wolverhampton, Public	...	1
Local Government Board, London ...	3	...
London Central Agency for Advertisements	1	...
London, Corporation of the City of...	1	...
London University, Senate of ...	1	...
Lowther (Sir Charles) Wilton Castle, Redcar	83	...
Mackay (Eric, the Author) London	...	1
Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society, Winnipeg, Canada ...	...	7
Mechanical Engineers, Institution of, London	3	...
Morris (J. S. C.) London	1	...
Mullins (J. D.) Birmingham ...	...	4
National Footpath Preservation Society	...	1
National Union of Elementary Teachers	1	...
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Chamber of Commerce	33	...

	Vols	Phlts
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Corporation of	3	...
—— Hospital Sunday Fund... ...	...	2
—— Infirmary	...	4
—— Temperance Society	7	...
Newton (Alderman H. W.) Newcastle	...	1
North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers, Council of the, Newcastle	1	...
North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Newcastle	1	...
Northern Union of Conservative Associations, Newcastle	...	6
Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions	...	1
Ontario Government Agency, Liverpool	2	1
Owen's College, Manchester, Senate of	1	...
Perry & Co. (Messrs.) London ...	1	...
Personal Rights Association, London	...	3
Pewtress & Co. (Messrs.) London ...	7	...
Potts & Son (Messrs. James) Newcastle	1	...
Prosser (Richard B.) London ...	1	...
Provincial Newspaper Society ...	1	...
Queen's College, Council of. London	1	...
Richardson (Messrs E. & J.) Newcastle	2	...
River Tyne Port Sanitary Authority.	...	1
Roberts (Henry D.) Durham ...	1	...
Rowland (Colonel T.) Newcastle ...	...	7
Scotland, National Bible Society of...	...	1
Shelley Society, Newcastle	...	2
Shipping, and Seamen, General Register and Record office of, London.	...	10
Smyth (Prof. C. Piazzi) Edinburgh...	...	3
Society for the Liberation of Religion from State Patronage, and Control.	...	1
Society of Arts, London	2	...
Spears (Rev. R.) London	1	...
Stephens (Councillor W. D.) Newcastle	7	...
Sutton (Councillor W.) Newcastle ...	1	...
Thrum (Thomas G.) Honolulu ...	1	...
Tossell (George J.) Wakefield ...	...	1
University College, London, Council of,	1	...
Victoria, Government of	1	...
Wales, University Collge of Aberystwith	1	...
Wasserman (Mrs. Shield)	1	...
Waters (T. W.) Newcastle		
Watanabe (President Hiromoto)	...	1
Tôkiô, Japan	1	...
Watson (Mason) Newcastle	...	9
Weddell (George) Newcastle ...	1	...
West (Lewis B.) Stroud	...	2
White (William) London	...	1
Winsor (Prof. Justin) Cambridge, U.S.A.	...	1

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CAPITAL ACCOUNT, for Year ended 25th March, 1887.

Dr.

1887.		£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	To Money Borrowed under "Public Libraries Act, 1855"	2,054	0	0
	„ Balance to next year	391	13	3
		£2,445	13	3

LOANS.

	£	s.	d.
Outstanding at 25th March, 1886 ...	21,940	0	0
Borrowed during year	2,054	0	0
	23,994	0	0
Paid off during year	1,000	0	0
Outstanding at 25th March, 1887 ...	22,994	0	0

Cr.

1887.		£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	By Balance from last year	1,432	18	3
	„ Loan Repaid under "Public Libraries Act, 1855"	1,000	0	0
	„ W. Anderson & Sons, Phillips' Safe	12	15	0
	J. J. PACE, *City Treasurer.*	£2,445	13	3

PUBLIC LIBRARIES RATE ACCOUNT, for Year ended 25th March, 1887.

Dr.

1887.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	To Balance from last year				1,000	7	1
	„ Amount of Rate received, less Poundage				4,053	5	3
	„ Catalogues Sold	15	16	0			
	„ New Supplementary Catalogues Sold	34	4	0			
	„ Vouchers Sold	35	1	9			
	„ Fines, and Damages	160	12	0			
	„ Sundries	8	9	5			
					254	3	2
	„ Advertising in Catalogues				162	17	1
	CLASSES.						
	„ Grants, and Fees				78	11	0
					£5,549	3	7

Cr.

1887.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	By Interest on Money Borrowed, and Dividend on Stock				782	11	8
	„ Salaries	829	5	4			
	„ Books, Magazines, etc. £565 16 9						
	„ Binding Books, & Carriage 125 7 7						
		691	4	4			
	„ Librarian's Disbursements... ...	29	15	4			
	„ Printing, Stationery, & Advertising	113	9	11			
	„ Gas, Insurance, Water, and Coals ...	168	1	7			
	„ Commission on Advertisements in Supplementary Catalogue ...	19	1	2			
	„ Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, etc., and Wages	163	7	6			
	„ Fire—Books Purchased	9	19	10			
					2,024	5	0
	CLASSES.						
	„ Grants, and Fees to Teachers ...	155	17	3			
	„ Gas, Printing, Examination Papers, and Sundries	74	4	5			
					230	1	8
	„ Balance to next year				2,512	5	3
	J. J. PACE, *City Treasurer.*				£5,549	3	7

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE:

ANDREW REID, PRINTING COURT BUILDINGS, AKENSIDE HILL.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

*Books, Pictures, or other Objects of Art or Interest.

to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, either for Exhibition, or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

PUBLICATIONS.

CATALOGUE OF THE CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY, 1880. Royal 8vo., Quarter-bound Buckram. 1s. each.

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LENDING LIBRARY, FROM A.D. 1880 TO A.D. 1887. Royal 8vo., Quarter-bound Buckram. 1s. each.

CATALOGUE OF THE JUVENILE LENDING LIBRARY, 1880. Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. 2d. each. (Out of print.)

CATALOGUE OF THE JUVENILE LENDING LIBRARY, NEW EDITION. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. 3d. each.

FINDING-LIST OF RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE CENTRAL LENDING, AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENTS. 1881. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. 2d. each.

LIST OF BOOKS IN EMBOSSED TYPE FOR THE USE OF BLIND PERSONS. Paper Covers. 1d. each.

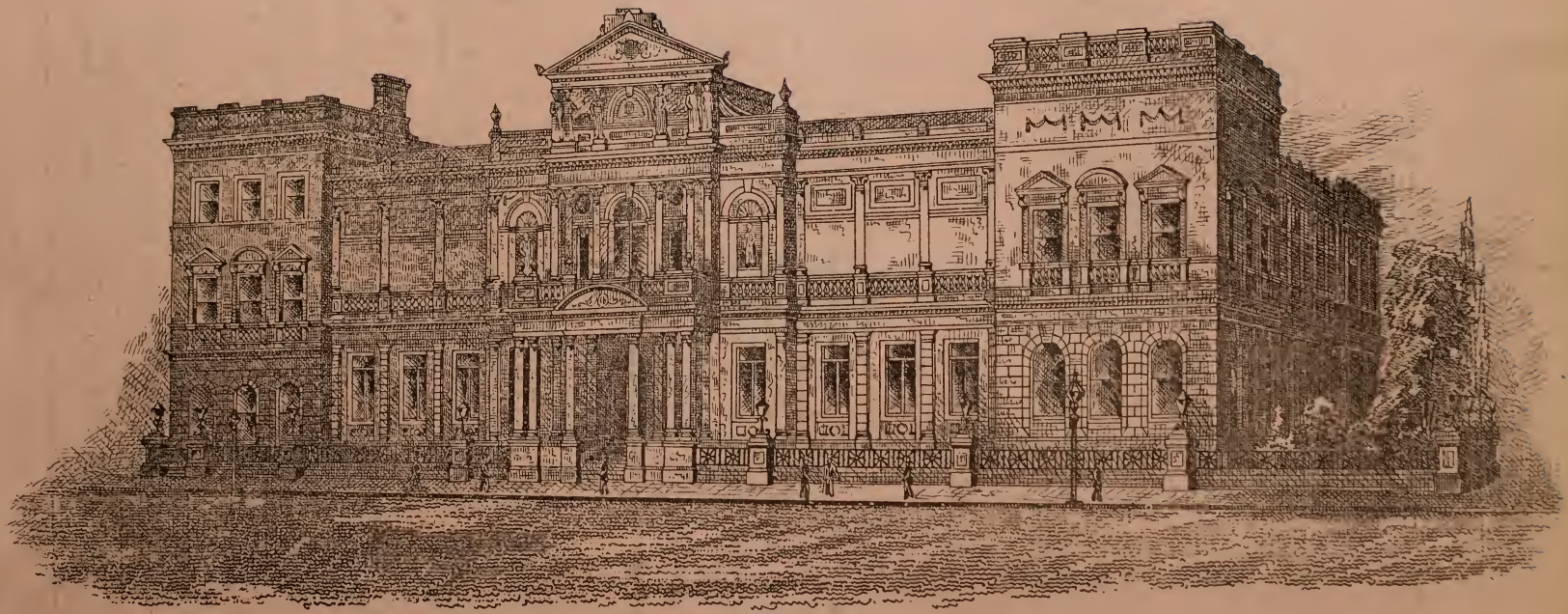
FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 48, Paper Covers. 2d. each.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. 2d. each.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 30, Paper Covers. 2d. each.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 40, Paper Covers. 2d. each.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 30, Paper Covers. 2d. each.



NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Seventh Report

of the

Public Libraries Committee.

1887-88.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE:

1888.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

SEVENTH REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1887-88.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

It is with feelings of great satisfaction that the Public Libraries Committee are enabled to report to the City Council the continued prosperity of the Institution.

There has been a slight falling off in the number of volumes consulted in the Reference and Patent Libraries, and a lessened attendance in the News-Room, but there has been a decided addition to the stock contained in the various departments of the Library, as well as an increase in the issues of books for home reading, both from the Adult and Juvenile Libraries, and an increased percentage of issues of works in the classes of History, Biography, Voyages and Travels; Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy; The Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities; Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics; Philology, and Education; Poetry, and the Drama; and Miscellaneous Literature. During the same period, there has been a corresponding decrease in the percentage of issues in Prose Fiction; and, the Committee are well satisfied with the whole result of their labours during the year.

On April 20th, 1887, the Committee decided to close the Lending Libraries on each Wednesday, at one o'clock p.m.; the Reference Library and News-Room remaining open as before; and, so far, this change in the arrangement has met with the cordial approbation of the frequenters of the Institution; while a great boon has been conferred

upon the members of the Library Staff, who have, in consequence, secured that necessary relaxation from continued service which the exigencies of a public institution ordinarily demand.

During the months of June-July (in addition to the usual week set apart for the Annual Cleaning and Stock-taking), the Committee were compelled to close the Reference Library and News-Room for an additional week, and the Lending Libraries for fourteen days, so as to allow of the whole of the rooms in the building being thoroughly cleaned, painted, and decorated. That work was carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Committee by Mr. Adam Robertson, Clayton Street, in this City.

The Total Stock of volumes in all departments of the Library now reaches 60,292, being an increase of 2,149 volumes on last return; and, taking into consideration the population and rateable value of the City, it may safely be stated that this number represents the largest stock of volumes acquired by any Library established under the "Public Libraries Act" in Great Britain and Ireland, at the conclusion of the eighth year of its existence.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

This section of the Institution was open to the public on 265 days, and the total issue reached 235,733 volumes; or, an increase on the previous year of 40,991 volumes.

The number of Borrowers on March 25th, 1888, holding Readers' Tickets, entitling them to borrow books for home reading (after deducting those whose tickets had lapsed, or been cancelled from various causes), was as follows :—Citizens, borrowing books upon their own guarantee, 3,359; Non-Citizens, resident within the City boundaries, and guaranteed by Citizens, 8,345; total, 11,704.

The total Stock in this department now reaches 30,449 volumes (inclusive of the Juvenile Section); or, an addition of 1,198 volumes during the year, being a total addition to the Lending Stock of 10,380 volumes, since September, 1880; or, an average annual increase of 1,384 volumes.

The very large increase in the circulation quite justifies the prognostications of the Committee made in their last Report, and they are more than ever satisfied that the extended time (three years) which Readers' Tickets are now allowed to remain in force, as well as the timely publication of the Catalogue of the Lending Library, and the new edition of the Juvenile Catalogue, have materially assisted in increasing the issue of books; while, at the same time, it is gratifying to find that

there has been a growing demand for, and an increased use of, works in the higher walks of Literature, and a considerable diminution in the percentage of issues of works of Prose Fiction, this class alone showing a falling off equal to 5 per cent. on the previous return, the actual figures being in 1886-87, 63·00; and in 1887-88, 58·18.

TWO VOLUMES only were found to be unaccounted for at the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1887, making a total loss since the opening of the Lending Libraries, in September, 1880, of EIGHTEEN VOLUMES (for list *see* page 17); while, during the same period (seven-and-a-half years), the gross issues have amounted to 1,774,178 Volumes; or, an annual average of 236,557, being a daily average issue of 848 Volumes.

As the stock of Volumes and the issues in this department are continually increasing, the Committee find it absolutely necessary, from time to time, to renew a large number of the more popular works, which, in consequence of "wear and tear," have become so dilapidated as to require to be replaced by new copies, and this task the Committee have kept steadily in view, thus enabling the Readers always to have at their service the entire stock for which the department is credited. The number of volumes provided for this purpose during the past year was 154, making a total of 1,328, which have been so dealt with; a number equal to 1 in 23 of the entire stock, since the establishment of the Library.

THE JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The publication of the new edition of the Juvenile Catalogue, in November, 1887, conferred a great boon upon the Readers using this Library, enabling them to make a much more satisfactory selection of the books at their service than was possible for some time preceding its publication. The Catalogue has been prepared on the Alphabetical-Index principle, and is descriptive of over 2,000 volumes of carefully selected books, suitable for boys and girls from the youngest age up to the period when they have acquired such a taste for more advanced reading as warrants their Tickets being franked for the Adult Library. Each work described in the Catalogue has been entered under the names of the Author, or Authors; Editor, or Editors; Translator, or Translators; also under the Title, or Subject of the work; and further, within the Alphabet, all that the collection contains on such subjects of enquiry, as Africa, America, Angling, Animals, Arctic Regions, Astronomy, Biography, Birds and Bird-life, Botany, Electricity, Fairy Tales, Fishes, Geology, History, India, Insects, Light, Natural History, Poetry, School

Life and Incident, Shells, Steam-engine, Temperance, Voyages and Travels, etc., have been grouped together under their several headings.

In response to the invitation of the Public Libraries Committee, a special preface was prepared for this publication by "Uncle Toby," the respected editor of the "Newcastle Weekly Chronicle," and Director-in-Chief of the "Dicky Bird Society," an Institution that, among its 150,000 members, has done so much to encourage respect for animal life in all its phases and aspects; and, it is pleasing to be able to state here that a large number of the members of that society are enrolled among the Readers in the Juvenile Department.

During the past year, the issues in this department reached a total of 25,342 volumes, being an increase of 3,292 on the return for 1886-87; which, added to the previous issues, gives 232,934 volumes as the gross issues in this department over seven-and-a-half years; while, during the same period, only ONE VOLUME has been actually lost. The entire stock now amounts to 2,160 volumes; or, an increase of 254 on last return.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

The stock of volumes in this department of the Library now amounts to 3,602; ninety-five having been added during the year. The issues during the same period reached 3,369, as against 4,055 last year; or, a decrease of 686. This apparent falling off in the issue, your Committee are satisfied, is only temporary, as the large increase (1,234) in 1886-87, as against 1885-86, was mainly owing to the absolute necessity which Inventors and others experienced of consulting these publications in time to make their arrangements for the protection of their rights and interests in new Inventions, so as to anticipate the opening of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Royal Mining, Engineering, and Industrial Exhibition, on May 11th, 1887, by H.R.H. The Duke of Cambridge, K.G., to commemorate the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

The issues of Patent Specifications in 1887-88 represented an increase of 548 on the issues of 1885-86, which is, in every sense, a satisfactory advance.

The question of the mode of receiving these publications from the Patent Office is now under consideration by the Committee, and it is hoped that, within a reasonable period, such arrangements may be entered into, as will permit of their being made available for public use at a much earlier date after publication than is practicable by the present system of delivery

THE NEWS-ROOM.

There has again been a decrease, amounting to 35,268, in the attendance at the News-Room. The recorded visits during 1887-88 only reaching 591,823, against 627,091 during 1886-87, but this decrease, instead of being a source of regret to the Committee, is to them satisfactory and reassuring, because it certainly shows that the Trade and Commerce, not only of Newcastle-upon-Tyne but of the whole of Tyneside, has received an impetus which has resulted in the constant employment of a large number of men who, unfortunately, during 1885-86, were only too ready to attend at the News-Room, in the hope that the "Wanted" columns of the Newspapers might lead the way to an engagement.

The average daily attendance during last year was 2,013, and the number of visits paid to this Room on week-days since September 1st, 1882, when it was thrown open to the public, has reached a grand total of 3,145,846.

There are now regularly supplied to this Room 32 daily, 85 weekly and bi-weekly, 121 monthly and bi-monthly, and 12 quarterly Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews, and other serial publications. For List *see* pp. 26-27.

The attendance at the News-Room on Sundays (when it is open between the hours of 2 and 9 p.m.) amounted to 36,321; or, a daily average of 741 visits; being an increase of 1,111 on last year; or, a daily average increase of 64. The total number of visits paid to this Room on Sundays, since the opening on October 7th, 1883, to and including Sunday, March 25th, 1888, amounted to 152,793.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

This department was open to the public on 294 days during the past year, and the number of volumes consulted amounted to 40,389; or, a daily average of 137. The issues fell short of those recorded in 1886-87 by 5,272 volumes, and the daily average was 15 less than in the previous year. This slight decrease was attributable, almost entirely, to a decision of the Committee arrived at in October, 1887, that the general issue of the bound volumes of the "Graphic," "Illustrated London News," and "Punch," should be suspended, and that these works were only to be consulted upon special application being made to the Chief Librarian, as it had been found that a number of young men, between the ages of 16 and 20, had been in the regular habit of applying for volumes of these publications, and using the works as mere "picture-books" to the injury of the volumes themselves,

and to the unmistakable annoyance of other Readers. This restriction to the issue, it has been found in practice, has in no way seriously interfered with the right and proper use of the volumes for purposes of public reference; while, at the same time, the adoption of the rule has resulted in freeing the Reference Library from a somewhat objectionable class of Reader.

While there has been a slight decrease in the general issues during the year, it is pleasing to be able to record a steady increase in the demand for works treating of History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels; Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics; Philology, and Education; and Poetry, and the Drama.

The Total Stock in the Reference department, including the "Thomlinson Library," and the "Specifications for Patents of Inventions," amounts to 29,843 volumes; being an increase of 932 on the previous return.

At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, the whole of the books in this department were duly accounted for, with the exception of ONE VOLUME, containing the "Annual Reports of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions" for 1876-83; but, through the kindness of Mr. Robert Whitfield, Hon. Sec., and other friends of the Union, these Reports have now been replaced without cost to the Library.

On April 18th, 1887, a visitor from the neighbouring town of Gateshead, on leaving the Library, was found *not* to have "delivered into the hands of the Librarian; or, his Assistant," the book which had been issued to him, and which he was required to do by the Rules. The following day the Librarian wrote to the address given on the application form, demanding the immediate return of the volume. The party at once attended at the Library, and asserted that he had left the volume on the counter, but, as it could not be found, and as the borrower failed to produce the counterfoil receipt, given when books are returned, the Librarian insisted either upon the return of the volume; or, the payment of its value, amounting to £1 10s. The borrower failing to produce the work, undertook to pay its value, which he did in six weekly instalments of five shillings each. The volume in question was an original edition of Albert Smith's "Christopher Tadpole;" with Leech's plates, published in 1848, and, being out of print, was difficult to obtain, but the Committee have recently been fortunate enough to secure a copy of the work, quite equal to the copy surreptitiously removed, and they take this opportunity of urging upon readers the very great desirability, for their own protection, of not

leaving their books upon the tables or counters, but of returning them into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistants, from whom they will receive an official receipt, crediting them with the return of the works issued.

During the year two cases of damage and mutilation, in this department, have been reported by the Librarian to the Committee, and they have had Bills printed and posted in prominent places in the Library, warning readers that any person found damaging or mutilating any book will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the law.

The work of Cataloguing the Reference Library has made marked progress during the year. Class A—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy; Class B—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels; and Class C—Science and Natural History; together with the Local Bibliography of these classes, have been most exhaustively dealt with; and, it is confidently hoped that before another Report has been issued, this large and valuable collection of Books will have been thoroughly catalogued, and thus made more available for public reference.

During the year many rare and valuable works have been added to this department by purchase and presentation, and special attention may, with propriety, be called to the following selection, viz.:—Ainslie's Historical Record of the Royal Dragoons. Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition, Publications of the, 3 vols. Appleton's Cyclopædia of American Biography, vols. 1-3. Audsley's Ornamental Arts of Japan, 2 vols., folio. Bancroft's History of the Pacific States of North America, vols. 3, 9, 27, 31, and 32. Barrère's Argot and Slang: a new French and English Dictionary. Bartholomew's Gazeteer of the British Isles. Bewick's Life and Times. By Robinson. Binney's Sermons, preached in the King's Weigh-house Chapel, 1829-69, 2 vols. Blaine's Twenty Years of Congress, 1861-81, 2 vols. Bloxam's Principles of Gothic Ecclesiastical Architecture, and Companion, 11th edition, 3 vols. Bosworth's Anglo-Saxon Dictionary, part 3. British Museum Publications:—Catalogue of Bengali Printed Books; Catalogue of Birds, vol. 12; Catalogue of English Coins—Anglo-Saxon Series, vol. 1; Catalogue of Fossil Mammalia, parts 4-5; Catalogue of Greek Coins, 2 vols.; Catalogue of Lizards, vol. 3; Catalogue of Printed Books, 19 parts, Royal 4to.; Catalogue of Seals, vol. 1; Catalogue of the Coins of the Sháhs of Persia; Egyptian Texts from the Coffin of Amamu; with translation, by Birch. Elephant folio, with coloured illustrations; Guides to the various Galleries of the Museum, 3 vols

Browne's Advertiser's A B C Directory. Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers, parts 8-9. Carlisle, Municipal Records of. Catalogue of the York Gate Library. Chambers's Encyclopædia, new edition, vol. 1. Clark's Anti-Nicene Christian Library, 24 vols. Darwin's Life and Letters; edited by his Son, 3 vols. Dawes' Miscellanea Critica; iterum edita, curavit, et appendicem adnotationis addidit Thomas Burgess. Dictionary of National Biography, vols. 11-14. Dyer's Ancient Athens. Economist, The, for 1887. Edersheim's The Bible History, 4 vols. Encyclopædia Britannica, vol. 22. Evans' Dictionary of the Welsh Language, Part I. Fergusson's The Parthenon. Fergusson's The Temples of the Jews. Franklin's Complete Works; edited by Bigelow, vol. 2-7. Fresenius' Qualitative Chemical Analysis, 10th edition. Fresenius' Quantitative Chemical Analysis, 7th edition. Frith's Autobiography and Reminiscences, 2 vols. Gill's Bibliography of South Australia. Greenwich Hospital Estates, Plans of the. Hibbert Lectures for 1886-87, 2 vols. Hodges' Sepulchral Slabs, Grave Covers, etc., remaining in the County of Durham, parts 1-2. Hook's Church Dictionary, 14th edition. Hook's The Church, and its Ordinances. Horton's The Silver Pound; together with the History of the Guinea. Howard's Miscellanea Genealogica, et Heraldica, *new series*, vol 4, and *second series*, vol. 1-3. Investor's Monthly Manual for 1887. Kelly's Directories for London, Northumberland, and Durham, 9 vols. Kennedy's The Mechanics of Machinery. Kinglake's Invasion of the Crimea, vols. 7-8. Knowles, and Boyle's Vestiges of Old Newcastle and Gateshead, parts 1-6. Lane's Arabic-English Lexicon; edited by Stanley Lane-Poole, book I., part 8, Fasc. 1-2. Lecky's History of England in the 18th Century, vols. 5-6. Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping. Longfellow's Life; with extracts from his Journals and Correspondence, 2 vols. Lowe's Bibliographical Account of English Theatrical Literature. Lunge's Coal-Tar and Ammonia, 2nd edition. Manitoba, Census Returns of, for 1885-86. Martin's Treatise on Navigation, and Nautical Astronomy. Marx's Capital: a Critical Analysis of Capitalist Production, 2 vols. Maurice's Life; edited by his Son, 2 vols. Meyer's Modern Theories of Chemistry; translated by Bedson, and Williams. Mommsen's Provinces of the Roman Empire, 2 vols. Morris' Business Directory of London. Murray's New English Dictionary, parts 2-3. Newcastle Election, 1830, Cartoons, Squibs, Addresses, etc., 4to. Newcastle Magazine, vols 1-10, 1822-31. Nichols' The Herald and Genealogist, 8 vols. Northumberland and Newcastle Elections, 1826, Cartoons, Squibs, Addresses, etc.,

1 vols., 4to. Phillips' Metallurgy, new edition. Prestwich's Geology: Chemical, Physical, and Stratigraphical, vol. 2. Rankine's Civil Engineering, 16th edition. Rankine's Machinery and Mill-work, 6th edition. Renan's History of the People of Israel. Reports (Annual) of Charitable, and other Local Institutions. Ridlon's History of the Ancient Ryedales, and their Descendants. Roscoe, and Schorlemmer's Treatise on Chemistry, vol. 3, part 4. Ruskin's Examples of the Architecture of Venice, folio. Sacred Books of the East; edited by Max Müller, vols. 23-29, and vol. 31. St. Cuthbert, History of. By Eyre, 3rd edition. Sawyer's Accidents in Mines. Seaton's Manual of Marine Engineering, 7th edition. Seddon's Coal Mining made Easy, Safe, and Healthy, folio. Shields' The Final Philosophy. Simpson's Art of Golf. Smith's Dictionary of Christian Biography, vol. 4. Smith's Treatise upon Cable, or Rope Traction. Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A., Reports of the, for 1853-57, and 1883-85. Sophocles, The Antigone of; translated by Jebb. Southward's Practical Printing, 2 vols. Sonnenschein's The Best Books. Sowerby's British Shells. Speaker's Commentary on the Holy Bible: the Apocrypha; edited by Wace, 2 vols. Stanley's The Congo. Stoughton's Ecclesiastical History of England, 5 vols. Theal's History of the Boers in South Africa. Waddington's Congregational History, A.D. 1200-1700, 2 vols. Welford's History of Newcastle and Gateshead, vol. 3. Welsh Texts, Old: the Black Book of Carmarthen; edited by Evans. Wesleyan Methodist Conferences, Minutes of the, complete set from the commencement in 1744 to 1887, 30 vols. Woodberry's History of Wood Engraving. Yates' History of Commerce, 4 vols.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report that they have been fortunate enough to secure, during the year, seven out of the twenty volumes previously required to replace those burnt or damaged by water during the unfortunate Fire in the Reference department, in November, 1884. THIRTEEN VOLUMES only are now wanted to place the collection in the same condition as it was in prior to that catastrophe. The works still required for replacement are as follows, viz.:—Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur;" edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Collyer, and Pocock's Historical Records of the London and Westminster Light Horse Volunteers, demy 8vo., 1843. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols., post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," 2 vols., 4to., 1844. Guarini (C. G.) Euclides adauctus et methodicus, folio, 1671. Naval Architecture: a Collection of miscellaneous Papers. Santvoord's Lives of the Chief

Justices of the United States, demy 8vo., New York, 1854. Smith's Synopsis of the British Diatomacæ, 2 vols., Royal 8vo., 1853-56. Wood's Natural History of Birds, Royal 8vo., 1875.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

During the past year, 4 volumes originally belonging to this Library have been recovered, and 3 have been added by presentation, making the total stock at this date 4,377. The volumes presented are as follows:—(1) Fenton's Early Hebrew Life: a Study in Sociology, presented by Mr. William Shand, the author of an interesting paper, entitled a "Memoir of Dr. Thomlinson," read on October 31st, 1883, before the Society of Antiquaries of this City. (2) The Psalter; or, Psalms of David, and certain Canticles; with a translation, and exposition in English. By Richard Rolle of Hampole; edited from manuscripts, by the Rev. H. R. Bramley, M.A., Oxford, who kindly presented a copy of his work in acknowledgment of the assistance which he had derived from the privileged use of the copy of the Hampole MS., now forming part of the Thomlinson Collection. (3) "Family Notes, collected during many years, and dedicated to those interested." By Justin M. Browne. This work is an exhaustive Genealogical and Heraldic Treatise on the Families of Browne, Galwey, Poulett-Harris, Warner, Hall, Tynte, Willis, Adams, Birnie, Gavan, Harper, Harris, Van Stout, Le Cesne, Wakeman, Lampriere, Nodin, Worth, Verling, and Whetendale, and more particularly of the local Families of Atkinson, of Morland Hall, Westmoreland; Clayton, of Chesters, Northumberland; Dobson, of Carr's Hill, Gateshead, and Newcastle; Trollope, of Gateshead; and Swanston, of Berwickshire. The volume is a very neat specimen of Colonial printing, having been executed, for private circulation only, at Hobart Town, Tasmania, in 1887, and sent direct here by the Author, as a gift to the Thomlinson Library.

Arrangements are now in progress for the storage and cataloguing of this Collection, and it is confidently hoped that the books will be made fully available for public use within a reasonable period; but, in the meantime, the Committee would like it to be more generally known than it at present seems to be that the Librarian has already given every facility within his power to persons wishing to consult the volumes contained in this Library, and that he will continue to do so, whenever it is deemed practicable.

THE ROYAL MINING, ENGINEERING, AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

From May 11th to October 29th, 1887, there was open to the public, in the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, an International Exhibition designed specially to commemorate the Jubilee of the Reign of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. The Exhibition was chiefly illustrative of those great Mining, Mechanical, and other Engineering Industries which have made Tyneside famous over the world; but, there were, in addition, exhibits dealing with Paper-making, Stationery, Printing, Newspaper Enterprise, and Bookbinding, all of which are associated, and in some sense identical with, Library work and management.

At the request of the Executive Council of the Exhibition, the consent of your Committee was given to an application from that body for the services of your Librarian to compile and edit the Official Catalogue of the Exhibition. This work, which consisted of 476 pages of printed matter, ran into three editions, of which 18,400 copies were printed by the publishers, Messrs. R. Robinson & Co., of this City. It was the first time that a Catalogue of an International Exhibition had been provided with a Subject-Index, and the compiler was complimented by a leading article in the *Newcastle Chronicle*, entitled "a Model Catalogue." The work gave such satisfaction to the general public, that the Executive Council of the Exhibition granted to the compiler and editor a special vote of thanks, and an honorarium in recognition of his labours.

CONFERENCES.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held at Gateshead, on August 8th, 1887, under the Presidency of James Joicey, Esq., M.P., who delivered an Inaugural Address on the "Northern Coal Trade." A paper was also read, at the afternoon meeting, by Mr. E. J. Harding, Clerk to the Gateshead School Board on "Recreative Evening Classes." Your Librarian attended the Conference as a deputation from this Committee, and gave a statement of the work of the Newcastle Public Library during the past year. In the evening, the delegates visited the Royal Exhibition, Newcastle, and dined together at the First-class Refreshment Room on the invitation of the President.

The Tenth Annual Conference of the Library Association of the United Kingdom was held at Birmingham, on September 20-23, 1887, under the Presidency of Mr. Alderman Johnson, J.P., Chairman of the

Birmingham Public Libraries Committee, the proceedings at the opening session being inaugurated by the Mayor (Alderman Sir Thomas Martineau). Papers were read on "The Present aspect of the question: Who was the Inventor of Printing?" "What to aim at in Local Bibliography;" "Remarkable Private Libraries of the Town, and Neighbourhood;" "Library Bye-laws, and Regulations;" "The Connexion between Public Libraries, and Art Galleries and Museums;" "The Public Libraries of the Town, and Neighbourhood;" "Wanted a Librarian;" "Some Experiments as to the Influence of Gas on Bindings;" "Town Libraries, and surrounding Districts;" "Birmingham in Literature;" "Thomas Hall, and the old Library founded by him at King's Norton;" "Books before Printing." Visits were paid to the following Libraries and places of Literary interest, viz.:—St. Mary's College, Oscott; Stratford-upon-Avon; and Earl Spencer's Library at Althorp. The Conference was a pronounced success, and your Librarian was again elected a member of the Council of the Association. It was decided to hold the meeting of 1888 in Glasgow, and your Committee trust to be able shortly to invite the Association to meet in the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

DONATIONS.

Since the publication of the last Report, 550 volumes have been received as donations to the Library, the chief donors being W. E. Adams, Esq. John Reed Appleton, Esq. Capt. W. Spencer Beaumont. Sir Benjamin Chapman Browne, D.C.L. Justin M. Browne, Esq. Messrs. William Blackwood & Sons. The Trustees of the British Museum. The Cobden Club. The Commissioners for Patents of Inventions. The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The Council of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers, and Shipbuilders. The Right Hon. the Countess Dowager of Dalhousie. Miss M. J. Dobson. W. Brewis Elsdon, Esq. The Governments of the United States of America, Canada, New South Wales, and Venezuela. Mr. Councillor George Harkus. The Secretary of State for India. The Linnean Society of London. Sampson S. Lloyd, Esq., M.P. The Local Government Board. Gavin McKelvin, Esq. Messrs. Mawson, Swan, and Weddell. Dr. John Theodore Merz. David Binney Monroe, Esq., M.A. Macvey Napier, Esq. The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (W. D. Stephens, Esq., J.P.). Her Grace the Duchess Dowager of Northumberland. Miss Eleanor A. Ormerod. Messrs. Isaac Pitman & Sons. Messrs. R. Robinson & Co. Messrs. George

Rowney & Co. Arthur R Sawyer, Esq. Professor Charles W. Shields. Miss Francis Smallpage. J. Bucknall Smith, Esq. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A. Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein & Co. Robert Spence Watson, Esq., LL.D., F.R.G.S., and Messrs. Winsor and Newton & Co.

The total number of volumes received as donations to the Library since the adoption of the "Public Libraries Act," and exclusive of the Thomlinson collection, has been 8,455.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

During the Session 1887-88 the subjects taught included the following, viz. :—

In Science :—Mechanical Drawing; Geometrical Drawing; Machine Construction; Building Construction ; Mathematics ; Theoretical and Applied Mechanics ; Mechanical Engineering ; and Steam and the Steam Engine.

The Science Classes, as hitherto, were under the direction of Mr. J. A. G. Ross, M.I.M.E., and the attendance showed a falling off from previous years.

At the Science and Art Examinations in May and June, 45 Individual Students sat for Examination. 50 Certificates in the Advanced and Elementary Stages of Geometry ; Machine Construction ; Mathematics; Practical and Applied Mechanics ; Building Construction ; and Steam, were obtained by the Students. Two Queen's Prizes were also secured by the Candidates.

The Art Classes were conducted by Mr. Jas. Watson, and the attendance and results were very satisfactory. Freehand and Model Drawing ; Geometry and Perspective ; and Painting in Oils, &c., being the subjects taught.

At the May Examinations 25 Certificates in 2nd Grade Art were secured by the pupils, one Third Grade, and two Queen's Prizes.

Prizes have been awarded to the successful Students in both the Science and Art Classes.

The Literary and Commercial Classes included Shorthand ; French ; German ; Bookkeeping and Writing ; and English Grammar and Composition, and in some of these subjects the attendance and work was very good ; whilst in others, the number of Students enrolled showed a considerable decrease.

The Committee have awarded prizes to those Students who have been reported as shewing merit in these Classes.

The Committee regret that the entries in the Oratory Competitions have been so few as to compel the Competitions to be abandoned, but they trust that for the Competition in March next, on the "Heroes of India," a successful and satisfactory result may be reported.

The Committee, in concluding their Report, would wish to bear grateful testimony to the great ability, the unwearied zeal and devotion, and the constant courtesy, with which the Chief Librarian (Mr. Haggerston) has conducted the extensive and varied business of the Libraries, and to the admirable manner in which his staff have seconded his efforts.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

TOWN HALL,
May 25th, 1888.

Presented to the City Council,
June 6th, 1888.

Adopted by the City Council,
July 4th 1888.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK IN LENDING, AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1887		29,251	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1888 :—			
By Gift	183		
By Purchase	989		
By Transfer from Reference to Lending Library ...	26		
		1,198	
Total Stock in Lending Library			30.449

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1887		28,931	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1888 :—			
By Gift, including Specifications of Patents for Inventions, and other Publications of the Patent Office	364		
By Gift for Thomlinson Library	3		
By Purchase	584		
		951	
		29,882	
Less—Volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later Editions of the Works		26	
		29,856	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		13	
Total Stock in Reference Library			29,843

TOTAL STOCK.

Total Stock of volumes in both Departments from all sources :—			
From Mechanics' Institute Library		2,003	
By Gift (including 3,602 volumes of Patent Specifications, and Abstracts)		8,455	
Thomlinson Library transferred	4,365		
Do. recovered since transfer ...	9		
Do. Donations received during the year	3		
		4,377	
By Purchase		45,470	
		60,305	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		13	
Total Stock...			60,292

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN REFERENCE, AND LENDING LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,356	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels ...	7,210	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,699	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities	1,297	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	934	
F.—Philology, and Education	375	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,429	
H.—Prose Fiction	7,579	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	4,410	
K.—Juvenile Literature	2,160	
Total Stock in Lending Libraries		30,449

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy (* 1)	1,631	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels (* 6)	4,067	
C.—Science, and Natural History (* 24)	2,251	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities (* 1) ...	2,104	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics (* 1) ...	2,173	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias	1,821	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama (* 2)	899	
H.—Prose Fiction (* 2)	347	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature; including the Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies (* 2)	6,610	
	21,903	
Publications of the Patent Office	3,602	
Thomlinson Library	4,377	
Total Stock in Reference Library	29,882	
* *Less*—26 volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later Editions of the Works, and 13 volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies	39	
		29,843
		60,292

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880.

12,086 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

326 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

51 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

1,328 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past re-binding, and have been replaced by the Committee.

15 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace can be found.

18 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows :—

Ainsworth's Star Chamber. Austen's Mansfield Park. Besant, and Rice's Seamy Side. Besant, and Rice's Ten Years' Tenant. Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Fitzgerald's Recreations of a Literary Man, 2 Vols. Gosman's Seven Days in London. Habberton's Barton Experiment. James' Arabella Stuart. Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome. MacDonald's Stephen Archer. Military Life, Tales of, Vol. I. Mitchell's Bainbridge Home. 2 Vols. Sadler's Flag Lieutenant. Starling's Noble Deeds of Women. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin ; edited by Crowe.

TABLE IV.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUES IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1887, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1888.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1887.													
March 26th, to 31st	43	341	176	57	69	19	71	2,798	310	281	4,165	5	833
April	259	1,508	630	279	150	85	243	13,114	1,242	1,356	18,866	23	820
May	214	1,285	479	215	67	36	216	10,838	1,047	1,330	15,727	23	684
June*	120	893	329	136	43	36	157	7,332	830	1,031	10,907	19	574
July*	126	501	274	106	34	37	84	4,222	560	699	6,643	11	604
August	236	1,478	555	194	59	53	302	13,215	1,399	1,656	19,147	23	832
September	278	1,716	725	194	129	76	299	11,779	1,620	2,025	18,841	24	785
October	318	2,332	807	229	110	84	347	13,148	1,982	2,062	21,419	24	892
November	302	3,229	914	296	183	107	453	13,632	2,334	2,677	24,127	24	1,005
December	307	2,353	782	387	257	166	401	11,988	2,068	2,982	21,691	24	904
1888.													
January	329	2,066	864	417	265	266	555	12,555	2,505	3,157	22,979	23	999
February	871	2,671	1,514	941	647	741	1,310	12,873	2,912	3,138	27,618	23	1,201
March 1st, to 25th	740	2,052	1,288	1,066	738	911	1,622	9,637	2,601	2,948	23,603	19	1,242
Total Issue in each Class ...	4,143	22,425	9,337	4,517	2,751	2,617	6,060	137,131	21,410	25,342	235,733	265	890
Class Percentage of entire Issue...	1·75	9·51	3·96	1·91	1·16	1·11	2·57	58·18	9·08	10·75	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	16	85	35	17	10	10	23	517	81	96	890		
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	2,356	7,210	2,699	1,297	934	375	1,429	7,579	4,410	2,160	30,449		
Turn Over	1·76	3·11	3·46	3·48	2·94	6·98	4·24	18·09	4·85	11·73	7·74		

N.B.—The Lending Libraries were closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1·0 p.m., on and after April 20th, 1887.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 27th, to and including July 16th, 1887, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issue in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issue.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,425	2	8,855	46,709	405,271	8·67	16,979	310,785	18·30	76·68
2	Birmingham...	1860	400,757	5	19,282	58,004	509,372	8·78	21,398	322,229	15·06	63·26
3	Manchester	1852	341,508	6	41,025	100,841	737,800	7·31	27,407	503,674	18·38	68·26
4	Leeds	1870	309,126	28	21,710	116,406	708,604	6·09	47,075*	420,433*	8·93	59·33
5	Sheffield	1855	284,410	5	16,620	75,747	410,395	5·42	18,256	257,733	14·11	62·80
6	Bristol	1876	206,503	5	19,237	65,621	625,162	9·52	14,400	364,089	25·28	58·23
7	Nottingham	1868	186,656	4	12,000	34,226	266,142	7·77	16,718	211,934	12·67	79·63
8	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	11,704	30,449	235,733	7·74	7,579	137,131	18·09	58·18
9	Leicester	1871	122,351	2	5,959	16,567	110,538	6·67	7,220	70,271	9·73	63·57
10	Preston	1879	96,532	1	13,038	15,002	103,095	6·87	3,396†	71,297†	20·99	69·16
11	Norwich	1857	87,843	1	3,643	11,206	95,027	8·48	3,211	70,360	21·91	74·04
12	Wolverhampton	1869	75,738	1	3,521	23,442	61,447	2·62	6,931	41,645	6·01	67·77
13	Rochdale	1872	68,865	1	6,500	28,676	142,811	4·98	11,315	114,194	10·09	79·96

* Includes Poetry, and the Drama. † Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 8th in Population, 8th in Stock, 6th in Turn Over, 8th in number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issues in Prose Fiction is lower than in any of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades, and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Artists		3
Assistants		15
Bookbinders		2
Cashiers...		9
Cooks, and Confectioners ...	2	5
Domestic Servants		33
Dress, and Mantle Makers ...	15	133
Governesses	2	24
Grocer	1	
Hosiers		6
House-Keepers...	2	20
Journalist		1
Laundresses	1	1
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmaids	1	3
Lodging-House Keepers ...	6	1
Machinists		15
Manageresses		9
Matrons...		9
Carried forward ...	30	289

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward...	30	289
Milliners	4	37
Nurses		14
Pawnbroker		1
Professors of Music		10
Pupil Teachers		42
Saleswomen		27
Scholars		105
Schoolmistresses	5	44
Seamstresses	1	7
Shopkeepers		3
Students		7
Teachers		126
Telegraphists		7
Upholstresses		7
Waitresses		2
No Occupation stated ...	194	2,580
Total...	234	3,308

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	55	23
Actors		3
Actuaries, and Notaries ...	2	
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc.	194	84
Apprentices		149
Architects	17	26
Artists	10	15
Assistants		71
Auctioneers	7	1
Bailiffs	2	
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	24	17
Barristers	1	1
Basket and Box Maker ...	1	
Bell Hangers	3	
Belt Makers	6	5
Billiard Marker		1
Block, and Mast Makers ...	3	
Boat Builders	2	
Boiler Makers	15	5
Bookbinders	8	16
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	14	19
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	34	29
Bottlers...	1	1
Brass Finishers	14	18
Brewers	4	1
Bricklayers	33	11
Brick Makers		3
Brokers...	9	2
Brush Makers	7	9
Carried forward ...	466	510

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	466	510
Builders, and Contractors ...	43	11
Butchers	36	21
Butlers	2	
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	44	59
Cab Proprietors	1	1
Caretakers, and Janitors ...	3	8
Carpet Planners	1	1
Cartmen, and Rolleymen ...	16	18
Cartwrights	2	2
Carvers, and Gilders	11	15
Cashiers	26	11
Checkers		3
Chemists, Analytical... ...	2	3
Chemists, and Druggists ...	34	41
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	37	30
Clerks	255	907
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	10	12
Coachmen, and Grooms ...	1	10
Collectors	9	3
Colliery Owner	1	
Commercial Travellers ...	72	45
Consuls, and Vice-Consuls ...	2	
Cook	1	
Coopers...	9	6
Cork Cutters	4	
Cover Makers		9
Cutlers	2	1
Carried forward ...	1,090	1 727

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward...	1,090	1,727
Dairymen	2	1
Dentists	5	4
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons	19	20
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	83	124
Draughtsmen	30	50
Drillers	3	5
Drysalters	3	
Dyers	5	6
Electricians	4	12
Elocutionists	1	4
Engineers	108	153
Engineers, Civil	10	9
Engineers, Consulting ...	1	2
Engineers, Mining	3	3
Engine Drivers	5	4
Enginemen		2
Engravers, and Embossers ...	3	6
Errand Boys		95
Farmers	2	1
Fellmongers		2
File Cutters	1	1
Firemen	10	8
Fishmongers	6	2
Fitters	48	104
Foremen	21	5
French Polishers	4	4
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	13	10
Furniture Brokers	2	2
Furriers	4	2
Gardeners	5	10
Gas Inspectors...	8	1
General Dealers	3	2
Glass Blowers, and Cutters ...	3	4
Glass Painters, and Stainers...	5	5
Gold Beater	1	
Goldsmiths	5	2
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	97	79
Gun Makers	2	2
Hairdressers, and Perfumers	4	17
Hatters	10	2
Hawkers	2	2
Inspectors, various	5	2
Ironfounders	6	4
Ironmongers	14	13
Japanners	1	1
Jewellers, and Watchmakers	24	28
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	104	99
Journalists, and Reporters ...	14	18
Labourers	57	54
Lamplighters		2
Lathrenders	1	1
Law Stationers	1	1
Law Writer		1
Lead Workers	7	1
Leather Dressers	5	1
Library Assistants		16
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	24	16
Lithographers...	2	8
Carried forward ...	1,896	2,760

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward...	1,896	2,760
Machinists	16	17
Managers, various	36	24
Manufacturers...	34	8
Master Mariners	10	4
Masons	40	18
Mechanics	4	10
Medical Students		30
Merchants	156	22
Messengers	5	21
Metal Cleaners	2	1
Millwrights	6	7
Millers	12	4
Miners	11	10
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	23	35
Museum Keepers	1	1
Musicians	12	16
Nail Maker	1	
Newspaper Despatchers ...	1	3
Officers, Army...	2	2
— Naval	2	
— H.M. Civil Service ...	5	3
— H.M. Customs	8	9
— H.M. Inland Revenue ...	11	12
Opticians	2	3
Organ Builder...	1	
Overseers	5	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, etc.	60	49
Paper Stainer	1	
Paviors	2	
Pawnbrokers	7	4
Pensioners, Army and Navy...	1	1
Photographers...	4	15
Plasterers	20	2
Platelayers	1	
Platers	5	9
Plumbers	25	42
Police Officers	11	9
Porters	16	18
Post-office Officials	11	42
Potters	5	2
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers...	75	86
Professors of Music	10	6
Publishers	2	1
Pupil Teachers		22
Quarrymen	2	1
Railway Employés	42	17
Registrars	2	
Relieving Officers	3	
Restaurant Keepers	3	
Riveters	15	12
Rope Makers	5	3
Saddlers	6	7
Sail Makers	2	2
Sailors	1	2
Salesmen	11	19
Sawyers	8	4
Scholars		449
School Board Officers... ...	5	
School Inspectors	4	
Carried forward ...	2,667	3,844

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward...	2,667	3,844
Schoolmasters	10	23
Sculptor and Stone Carver ...	1	
Secretaries	6	4
Ship Brokers	14	3
Ship Builders	3	2
Ship Owners	13	
Shipwrights	11	3
Shorthand Writers		5
Shop Keepers	15	2
Slaters	5	2
Smiths	50	52
Solicitors	23	11
Stevedores	3	1
Stock and Share Broker ...	1	
Store, and Time Keepers ...	17	9
Students		63
Surveyors	8	13
Sweeps	1	1
Tailors, and Cutters	60	37
Tanners, and Curriers ...	9	6
Telegraphists	20	59
Teachers	28	76
Carried forward ...	2,965	4,216

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward...	2,965	4,216
Ticket Writers	1	4
Tobacconists	14	10
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	4	8
Treasurer	1	
Turners	16	17
Umbrella Makers	1	1
Underwriters	2	
Verger	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	3	1
Waiters...	5	5
Warehousemen	39	45
Watermen	3	4
Wharfingers	1	2
Wheelwrights	1	3
Wherry Owner	1	
Wire Workers	8	6
No Occupation stated ...	177	597
Total Males	3,243	4,919
Total Females	234	3,308
Total Number of Readers		11,704

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	981	316
From 15 to 20...	1,871	939
From 21 to 30...	1,420	1,042
From 31 to 40...	330	386
Carried forward ...	4,602	2,683

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	4,602	2,683
From 41 to 50...	138	196
From 51 to 60...	65	63
From 61 to 80...	38	56
Ages not stated	76	428
Total	4,919	3,426

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas' ...	77	168	245
St. John's	81	253	334
St. Andrew's North...	418	1,365	1,783
St. Andrew's South...	102	281	383
All Saints' East ...	338	1,108	1,446
All Saints' West ...	134	120	254
Carried forward	1,150	3,295	4,445

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	1,150	3,295	4,445
Westgate	499	1,442	1,941
Elswick	946	1,656	2,602
Jesmond	271	898	1,169
Byker	130	408	538
Heaton	336	646	982
Non-Resident Freemen	27	—	27
Total	3,359	8,345	11,704

TABLE IX.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library, during Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1888, the Number of Open Days, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, the Class Percentage of Issues, the Number of Volumes in Stock, and Turn Over in each Class.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issues.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1887.													
March 26th, to 31st	33	142	132	92	108	96	12	48	110	5	778	5	155
April	202	721	357	491	449	355	122	157	580	243	3,677	24	153
May	170	454	328	381	398	200	132	108	479	129	2,779	25	111
June*	149	284	131	253	355	202	41	62	404	168	2,049	21	98
July*	105	247	163	213	312	153	9	26	285	207	1,720	18	95
August	237	514	284	386	447	250	111	106	731	212	3,278	26	126
September	261	664	444	507	508	534	240	151	1,001	855	5,165	26	198
October	220	710	480	437	436	486	90	92	505	261	3,717	26	143
November	240	873	610	427	459	418	202	108	441	374	4,152	26	160
December	158	600	437	338	520	334	124	89	359	429	3,388	26	130
1888.													
January	222	929	429	444	534	353	303	65	581	184	4,044	25	162
February	153	618	343	349	467	306	113	104	486	176	3,115	25	124
March 1st, to 25th...	200	287	292	236	387	275	238	61	425	126	2,527	21	120
Total Issue in each Class... ...	2,350	7,043	4,430	4,554	5,380	3,962	1,737	1,177	6,387	3,369	40,389	294	137·37
Class Percentage of entire Issue..	5·82	17·44	10·97	11·27	13·32	9·81	4·30	2·91	15·81	8·34	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	8	24	15	16	18	14	6	4	22	11	137		
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	1,631	4,067†	2,251†	2,104	2,173	1,821	899	347	6,610	3,602	25,505‡		
Turn Over	1·44	1·73	1.98	2·16	2·47	2·17	1·93	3·39	·97	·93	1·58		

* Library closed from June 27th, to and including July 9th, 1887, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

† *Less* 13 Volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies.

‡ Exclusive of the Thomlinson Library (4,377).

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades, and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	37	84
Actors	24	69
Agents	248	528
Apprentices	73	128
Architects	188	1,049
Architects, Naval	19	52
Artists	307	751
Assistants, Shop	19	36
Auctioneers	8	9
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	27	82
Bankers	4	8
Barristers	4	11
Bellhangers	3	6
Blacksmiths	87	147
Boilermakers	41	74
Bookbinders	11	18
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	39	67
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	74	91
Brass Finishers	16	17
Brass Founders	11	17
Brewers...	14	14
Bricklayers	27	49
Brokers...	6	28
Builders, and Contractors ...	40	84
Butchers	8	13
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	72	139
Candlemakers	1	26
Canvassers	62	102
Cartmen	34	37
Cartwrights	9	13
Carvers, and Gilders	71	145
Cashiers	6	12
Checkers	134	274
Chemists, and Druggists ...	165	363
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	236	584
Clerks, and Bookkeepers ...	1,859	3,236
Clothiers	4	7
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	30	163
Commercial Travellers ...	140	349
Crane Drivers	6	16
Curriers...	6	7
Dentists	5	21
Designers	18	44
Drapers	115	210
Draughtsmen	226	464
Dressmakers	4	6
Drillers	47	81
Drysalters	6	11
Dyers	3	4
Elocutionists	5	28
Carried forward ...	4,599	9,774

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	4,599	9,774
Engine Drivers	3	4
Engineers	774	3,551
Engineers, Civil	108	260
Engineers, Electrical... ...	11	18
Engineers, Marine	3	4
Engineers, Mining	13	74
Engravers	34	59
File Cutters	26	57
Firemen	3	7
Fitters, and Turners	392	501
Forgemen	3	5
Fruiterers	8	16
Gardeners	42	54
General Dealers	21	38
Glass Blowers, and Cutters ...	37	96
Glass Painters	128	211
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	16	27
Grooms	6	10
Hairdressers	20	82
Inspectors	26	50
Ironfounders	64	157
Ironmongers	89	156
Jewellers, and Watchmakers	57	183
Joiners	393	735
Journalists	272	1,102
Labourers	687	923
Leadworkers	7	10
Lecturers	5	13
Librarians, and Library Assistants	84	230
Licensed Victuallers	25	39
Lithographers	17	25
Machinists	48	73
Manufacturers...	15	28
Masons	59	95
Medical Students	53	78
Merchants	20	31
Messengers	68	138
Millers	76	208
Miners	5	7
Missionaries, and Evangelists	10	13
Moulders, and Pattern-Makers	99	205
Musicians	4	13
Officers of H.M. Army ...	157	297
Officers of H.M. Civil Service	59	86
Painters and Decorators ...	278	446
Paper Stainers...	13	95
Pawnbrokers	9	27
Photographers...	3	14
Plasterers	2	3
Platers	19	26
Carried forward ...	8,970	20,354

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	8,970	20,354
Plumbers	15	20
Polishers	26	42
Porters	99	140
Post Office Employés ...	21	42
Printers, and Compositors ...	47	55
Professors of Music	15	43
Railway Employés	22	41
Riveters	3	5
Saddlers	10	20
Sailmakers	17	23
Sailors	109	150
Schoolmasters	143	224
Sculptors	4	7
Shipbuilders	13	20
Smiths	44	113
Solicitors	36	104
Steelmelters	4	9
Carried forward ...	9,598	21,412

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	9,598	21,412
Stewards	4	10
Storekeepers	17	23
Students	485	806
Surgeons, Doctors, etc. ...	56	152
Surgeons, Veterinary... ...	3	9
Surveyors	32	84
Tailors	42	70
Teachers	735	1,398
Telegraphists	44	85
Ticket Writers...	15	21
Tinsmiths	54	83
Tobacconists	2	4
Waiters	5	8
Warehousemen	3	19
Whitesmiths	3	3
Wire Workers	8	14
No occupation stated... ...	5,504	16,188
Total	16,610	40,389

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	4,658	7,799
From 21 to 30	4,043	8,153
From 31 to 40	1,043	3,539
From 41 to 50	556	2,402
Carried forward	10,300	21,893

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	10,300	21,893
From 51 to 60	196	528
From 61 to 80	78	306
Ages not stated ...	6,036	17,662
	16,610	40,389

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QUARTERLIES :—
Church Quarterly Review.
Cöperative Index to Periodicals.
Dublin Review.
Edinburgh Review.
Journal of the Royal United Service Institution.
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Journal of the Statistical Society.
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London Quarterly Review.
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Dr.

1888.		£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	To £3½ per cent. Stock issued under the "Public Libraries Act, 1855"	1,446	0	0
		£1,446	0	0

LOANS.	£	s.	d.
Outstanding 25th March, 1887 ...	22,994	0	0
Borrowed during the year	1,446	0	0
	24,440	0	0
Paid off during the year	1,054	0	0
Outstanding 25th March, 1888 ...	23,386	0	0

Cr.

1888.		£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	By Balance from last year	391	13	3
	,, Loans Repaid under "Public Libraries Act, 1855"	1,054	0	0
	,, Balance to next year	0	6	9
		£1,446	0	0

PUBLIC LIBRARIES RATE ACCOUNT, for Year ended 25th March, 1888.

Dr.

1888.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	To Balance from last year				2,512	5	3
	,, Amount of Rate received, less Poundage				2,829	19	11
	,, Catalogues Sold	7	7	0			
	,, New Supplementary Catalogues Sold	31	18	0			
	,, Juvenile Catalogues Sold	8	17	6			
	,, Vouchers Sold	18	19	6			
	,, Fines and Damages	164	8	1			
	,, Sundries	11	8	4			
					242	18	5
	,, Advertising in Catalogue				1	1	0
	CLASSES.						
	,, Grants and Fees				272	7	6
					£5,858	12	1

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1888.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 25.	By Interest on Money Borrowed, Dividends on Stock, and Redemption of Loans				835	13	4
	,, Salaries	820	2	0			
	,, Books, Magazines ... £508 9 1						
	,, Binding Books, & Carriage 126 19 0						
		635	8	1			
	,, Librarian's Disbursements, &c. ...	23	9	0			
	,, Printing New Catalogues	598	0	7			
	,, Printing, Stationery, &c.	99	16	0			
	,, Gas, Insurance, Water, and Coals...	163	12	0			
	,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c.	278	5	11			
	,, Fire—Renewal of Books	14	15	3			
					2,633	8	10
	CLASSES.						
	,, Grants and Fees to Teachers ...	184	7	4			
	,, Gas, Printing, Examination Papers, &c.	84	13	9			
					269	1	1
					3,738	3	3
	,, Balance to next year				2,120	8	10
					£5,858	12	1

J. J. PACE, *City Treasurer.*

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I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Eighth Report

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1888-89.

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EIGHTH REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,

1888-89.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries Committee in submitting their Eighth Report, for year ended March 25th, 1889, are glad to be able to state that continued prosperity has been experienced by the Institution in most of its departments, and that the stock of volumes added to the collection exceeds in a marked degree the average accessions of previous years.

There has been a substantial increase during the year in the issue of books for home reading, both from the Adult and Juvenile Lending Libraries, and a source of pre-eminent satisfaction to your Committee is to be found in the very marked falling off in the percentage of the issue of works in Prose Fiction as compared with the gross issue, amounting as it does to a diminution equal to 10 per cent., while there has been a corresponding increase in the demand for works of a higher standard of excellence, such as Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy; Science and Natural History; Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities; Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics; Philology and Education; Poetry and the Drama. On reference to Table V., page 18, it will be seen that in comparison with twelve of the principal Public Libraries in England, Newcastle has the lowest percentage of issue in prose fiction as compared with the gross issue, and in comparing these returns of the percentage of issue in prose fiction in the same twelve Public Libraries of Great Britain during the past eight years, it is seen that the average in them is 69·37 as against 55·58 in Newcastle, while during the same period the lowest of the other Libraries is 62·94, and the highest 80·01.

The number of persons who have become borrowers during the past year has also been considerably above the average of similar periods, no less than 4,746 new Tickets or renewals having been dealt with from March, 1888, to March, 1889.

The Library year just closed will always be memorable in the annals of the Newcastle Public Library, in consequence of the Institution having therein received its first bequest of books (*see* pages 11-12); together with the fact that during the same period, large and valuable donations of books have been received, chiefly from local publishers, and especially from Mr. Walter Scott of the Kenilworth Press. (*See* pages 9-10).

The year closed with a total Stock in all departments amounting to 63,899 volumes, being an increase of 3,607 on the year; or, a total increase since the publication of the First Annual Report in September, 1881, of 36,152 volumes.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

The total issue in this department of the Institution, which was open to the public on 275 days, amounted to 259,462 volumes, being an increase on the previous year of 23,729.

1,049 volumes were added to stock, making the total number on the 25th of March, 1889, 31,498 volumes, which represents an addition to the stock of this department of 11,429 volumes since the opening of the Lending Library, in September, 1880; being an annual average increase of 1,345 volumes, or equal to 57 PER CENT.

The number of Readers whose names have appeared upon the Library Voucher Books during the year has reached a total of 16,104, but of necessity a large number of these Tickets (by the three years' limit) have lapsed, but after striking off all such lapsed and unrenewed Tickets, the total number actually in force on March 25, 1889, was 11,968, or an increase of 264 on the year.

At the Annual Stock-taking in June, TWO VOLUMES ONLY were found to be unaccounted for, making a total loss of 20 VOLUMES (for list *see* page 16) since the opening of the Library in September, 1880; while during this period, viz.:—8½ years, the gross issue has reached a grand total of 2,033,640 volumes.

381 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation, the same having been found to be so worn or imperfect as to preclude their re-binding, and these have been replaced by new copies. The total number of volumes so replaced by the Committee since the inauguration amounts to 1,709, or 1 in 19 of the entire stock.

Since the publication of the Supplementary Catalogue in January, 1887, no less than 2,500 volumes have been added to this section of the Library, and your Committee being fully aware of the difficulty

experienced by Readers in making a selection from the MS. Lists exposed in the Library, have thought it desirable to publish forthwith an Alphabetical List (under authors or titles only) of these additions up to the end of March, 1889. This List it is expected will be ready early in May, and your Committee trust that they may be able to sell copies of it at the nominal price of TWOPENCE EACH.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue in this section of the Lending Library has reached a total of 38,524 volumes, being an increase on the year of 13,182. The returns show that the entire stock of books available for the reading of the juvenile members (under 14 years of age) has been turned over 16 times during the year, and that from the commencement in 1880, the total issue has been nearly a quarter of a million volumes, the actual figures being 246,116, and that during this long period, and with this heavy circulation, it is gratifying to be able to place on record the pleasing fact that only TWO VOLUMES HAVE BEEN LOST.

The total stock of volumes in this Library now numbers 2,370, being an increase of 210, or a total increase since the opening of 1,398. It is a pleasing feature of the work done in this department to find that as a rule the books are well cared for by the borrowers, are not kept beyond the time allowed for reading (14 days), and that there is a gradual improvement in the demand for works of History, Biography, Natural History, Elementary Science, and kindred subjects.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

The issue from this Library has been 3,241 VOLUMES as against 3,369 last year, or a decrease of 128. It must, however, be borne in remembrance, in judging of the issue of these publications, that no record is kept of the use which is made of the volumes of Subject-matter and Name Indices, or of the Abstracts of Patent Specifications, Official Journals of the Patent Office, etc., which are invariably consulted by Readers prior to the use of the "Specifications" themselves. If this were done, a considerable addition would have to be made to the issue.

During the past year your Committee have had under their consideration the advisability of altering the form of delivery for these publications, so as, if practicable, to allow of the use of the complete "Specifications" by the public at a time much nearer the date of their publication than hitherto has been possible. After a careful and exhaustive investigation of the matter, your Committee taking into consideration (1st) that the numbers using these publications were, comparatively speaking, small, and had a tendency to decline, (2nd) the

majority of the users being non-residents, and (3rd) that a considerable additional expense, both provisional and annual, would be incurred, unanimously decided that they could not make any change in the direction indicated.

The total Stock in this Department now amounts to 3,735 volumes; or an increase of 133 on the previous return.

In addition to the Patent Specifications published by the English Patent Office, this Library also contains a complete set of the "Canadian Patent Office Record," and the publications of the Patent Office of the Government of Victoria, New South Wales, together with the "Supplement to the Queensland Government Gazette," which contains particulars of all Patents, Trade Marks, and Designs granted in that Colony.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

This room was open to the public on 299 week-days, and the recorded visits amounted to 586,767; or a decrease of 5,056 on the previous year. This decrease your Committee are again satisfied is mainly owing to two causes, (1st) to the improvement in the trade of the district, whereby many of the old frequenters of the room have, in consequence of full employment, ceased to attend, and (2nd) to the limited size of the room, which is soon filled, and, being imperfectly ventilated, becomes so unpleasant that many persons, who would otherwise use it, refrain from doing so.

The total number of visits recorded as having been paid to this room since its opening on September 1st, 1882, has reached a grand total of 3,732,613. The average daily attendance during the past year being 1,963.

The News-Room is now regularly supplied with 31 daily, 91 weekly and bi-weekly, 127 monthly and bi-monthly, and 13 quarterly News-papers, Magazines, Reviews, etc. For list *see* pages 25-27.

This room was also open on 51 Sundays (between the hours of 2 and 9 o'clock p.m.), and the recorded visits reached a total of 36,086, or a daily average of 707, being a decrease of 235 on the year. The total visits paid to the News-Room on Sundays since the opening on October 7th, 1883, was 188,879.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

There has again been a slight falling off in the number of volumes consulted in this department. The total issue for the year has reached 36,100 volumes, or a decrease of 4,289, the daily average being 123, as against 137 in 1887-88. The total number of volumes consulted since the opening on August 20th, 1884, has been 175,665.

This falling off in the issue of the Reference Library your Committee much regret, as they feel assured that a considerable number of persons of literary habits must reside within the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and in its immediate neighbourhood, to whom such a Library would prove of inestimable advantage. They hope to take such measures in the incoming year as will bring the advantages which it offers to the immediate knowledge of all persons in the district who are likely to avail themselves of the mine of literary wealth which it affords for purposes of reference, open as it is, FREE DAILY, to persons of either sex above 16 years of age.

This section of the Library was open on 295 days, and it is satisfactory to note the class of books most in demand. There is an increase in the percentage of issue in works treating on Science and Natural History; Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities; Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics; Philology and Education; and a decline in the issue of Prose Fiction, equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

The total Stock in the Reference Department (including the "Thomlinson Library," the "Merrifield Library," the "Specifications of Patents," the "Walter Scott Library," and the "Riddell Bequest"), now amounts to 32,401, or an increase on the year of 2,558 volumes.

Only ONE work was unaccounted for at the Annual Stock-taking in June last, viz:—Part 5 of the "Catalogue of the Reference Department of the Birmingham Free Libraries," and as this was in use for administrative purposes only, it is quite expected that it will yet be found, as there is strong presumptive evidence that it has merely been mislaid. This makes a total of TWO VOLUMES lost from this Department since the inauguration in September, 1884.

During the year no single case of mutilation, or damage to books, or any misconduct whatever on the part of the Readers has been reported to your Committee.

Considerable progress has been made with the Catalogue of this collection, and during the past year Class D—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities (over 3,000 volumes) has been nearly completed. This is the more satisfactory when it is remembered that in this class is chiefly stored the majority of the works, written by local authors, and treating of the Northern Counties generally. All books added to Classes A, B, C, and D, have also been fully catalogued immediately upon their acquisition.

During the year many rare and valuable works have been secured, both by gift and purchase, and among others special attention may, with propriety, be called to the following, viz.:—Anglo-Saxon and Northumbrian Versions of the Four Gospels; edited by Skeat, 4 vols. Appleton's Cyclopædia of American Biography, vols. 4-6. Archer's The British

Army. Aristotle's Rhetoric; edited by Sandys, 3 vols. Bancroft's History of the Pacific States of North America, vols. 18, 29, and 30. Bartlett's The Letter and the Spirit (Bampton Lectures for A.D. 1888). Bashforth and Adams' Attempt to Test the Theories of Capillary Action. Billings' Cathedral Antiquities of Carlisle and Durham, 2 vols. Blade's Enemies of Books (large paper). Book Prices Current for 1887. Bradshaw's New Zealand of To-Day. British Museum Publications :—Catalogue of Birds, vol. 14; Catalogue of Engraved Gems; Catalogue of Fossil Reptilia and Amphibia, part 1; Catalogue of Printed Books, 15 parts, Royal 4to. Bruce's Incised Markings on Stone, Atlas Folio. Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, 26 vols. Carr's Historical Record of the 36th Regiment, A.D. 1852-81. Carr's Synopsis of Mathematics, vol. 1, part 2. Carter's Ancient Sculpture, Folio. Carter's Durham Cathedral, Folio. Cates' Dictionary of General Biography, 4th edition. Cavendish's Electrical Researches. "Challenger" Reports—Zoology, vols. 20-29, in 14 parts, Royal 4to. Chamber's Encyclopædia, new edition, vols. 2-3. Charnay's Ancient Cities of the New World. Chesney's Expedition to the Euphrates and Tigris; with Atlas of Plates, 3 vols. Child's English and Scottish Popular Ballads, part 5. Clark's Mediæval and Military Architecture, 2 vols. Clark's Practical Jurisprudence. Cole's Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Verse, 2 vols. Cole's New Rendering of the Hebrew Psalms into English Verse. Comber's Companion to the Temple, 7 vols. Congregational Year Book, Complete set of the. Cooley's Cyclopædia of Practical Receipts, 6th edition, 2 vols. Cox's Expositions, 4 vols. Cushing's Dictionary of Initials and Pseudonyms, *second series.* Dasent's Vikings of the Baltic, 3 vols. Davis' Text Book of Biology. Dictionary of National Biography; edited by Stephen, vols. 15-17. Döllinger's First Age of Christainity, 2 vols. Doughty's Travels in Arabia Deserta, 2 vols. Dürer (Albert) Life of. By Thursing, 2 vols. Edwards' Memoirs of Libraries, 2 vols. Encyclopædia Britannica, vols. 23-24. Fidler's Practical Treatise on Bridge Construction. Fonblanque's Annals of the House of Percy, 2 vols. Fourier's Analytical Theory of Heat. Franklin's Collected Works; edited by Bigelow, vols. 8-10. Frith's Autobiography, 3 vols. Gatty's Book of Sun Dials. Gesenius' Thesaurus Syriacus, 4 vols. Gow's History of Greek Mathematics. Greeley's Arctic Service, 2 vols. Gwilt's Encyclopædia of Architecture, new edition, 1888. Halkett and Laing's Dictionary of Anonymous and Pseudonymous Literature, vol. 4. Harleian Society's Publications, 34 vols. Harris (Dr. George) Autobiography. Hodge's The Abbey of St. Andrew, Hexham, Folio. Hore's Eighteen Centuries of the Church in England. Hunter's Imperial Gazetteer of India, 2nd edition, 14 vols. Hutchinson's History of

Cumberland, 2 vols. Hutton's Engineer's Handbook, 2nd edition. Kemp's Electrical Testing. Kick's Flour Manufacture. Lamb's Motion of Fluids. Layard's Early Adventures in Persia, 2 vols. Little's South Africa, 2 vols. Lodge's Peerage, 57th edition, 1888. Lunge's Manufacture of Sulphuric Acid and Alkali, 3 vols. Mackenzie's Austral Africa, 2 vols. Mackay's Dictionary of Lowland Scotch. Moll's Map of the River Tyne, *very scarce.* Nestle's Syriac Grammar. Newall's Highlands of India, 2 vols. Paterson's Commentaries on the Liberty of the Subject, 2 vols. Paul's Principles of Language. Payne's Records of the English Catholics. Peacock's Pipe Tunes, *very scarce.* Pearson and Todhunter's History of Elasticity, vol. I. Pearson's Ethics of Free Thought. Pennethorne's Geometry and Optics of Ancient Architecture, Folio. Percy's Metallurgy—Iron and Steel. Peter's Chronological Tables of Greek History. Phillips' Manual of Geology, 2 vols. Poole's Index to Periodical Literature—*first supplement*, A.D. 1882-87. Puritan Divines, Nichol's Series of, 35 vols. Quaritch's General Catalogue of Books, 6 vols, Impl. 8vo. (large paper). Reid's Ships of War. Richard de Bury's Philobiblon; edited and translated by Thomas. Richardson's American Literature, A.D. 1607-1885, 2 vols. Richardson's Antiquities of Northumberland and Durham. Richardson's Health of Nations, 2 vols. Rose's Steam Boilers. Royal Society, Proceedings of the, vols. 34-44. Ruskin's Modern Painters, Index to. Sawyer's Miscellaneous Accidents in Mines. Scott's History of Berwick. Scott's Theory of Determinants. Sennett's The Marine Steam Engine, 2nd edition. Sharpe's Alexandrian Chronology. Sharpe's Chronicon Mirabile, 3 vols. Shelly (Percy Bysshe) Life of. By Dowden, 2 vols. Siemens' Life and Works, 4 vols. Spencer's Descriptive Sociology, part 8—French; edited by Collier. State Trials, *new series*, vol. I.: edited by Macdonell. Stein's Life and Times. By Seeley, 3 vols. Sutton's Volumetric Analysis. Swainson's Greek Liturgies. Swedenborg (Emanuel) Concordance to the works of; edited by Potts, vol. I. Thompson's Dynamo-Electric Machinery. Thurston's Manual of Steam-Boilers. *Times*, Indices to the, A.D. April, 1847—June, 1849, and A.D. 1888, 13 vols. Tristram's Pathways of Palestine, 2 vols. Turner's Liber Studiorum, *third series;* edited by Brooke. Tyndall's Diamagnetism Vine's Physiology of Plants. Waldstein's Lectures on the Art of Pheidias. Walker's The Severn Tunnel. Washington (President George) Complete works of; edited by Ford, vol. I. Watts' Dictionary of Chemistry, new edition, vol. I. Williams' Sanskrit-English Dictionary. Wright's Chronicles of Joshua, the Stylite. Wright's History of Nepāl. Zoist, Complete set of the, A.D. 1843-56, 13 vols.

Since the publication of the last Report, 3 volumes have been secured to replace those burnt in the disastrous fire of November, 1884, and in

consequence only 10 volumes are now wanted to place the Collection in as perfect a condition as it was prior to that catastrophe. The works still needed are, viz.:—Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur;" edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols., post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur;" 2 vols., 4to., 1844. Guarino (C. G.) Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus, folio, 1671. Naval Architecture: a Collection of Miscellaneous Papers. Santvoord's Lives of the Chief Justices of the United States, demy 8vo., New York, 1854. Wood's Natural History of Birds, Roy. 8vo., 1875.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The total stock of volumes in this collection now reaches 4,392, or an addition of 15 on last return—fourteen volumes of this number have been received from the Rev. Edward Barry Hicks, B.A., Curate of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, having been found among the Books in the Old Library in the Vestry of the Cathedral, and one volume has been presented.

During the year the Conversation Room of the Mechanics' Institution section of the Public Libraries has been completely shelved for the reception of this Library, and the structural alterations, new Book-cases, etc., are expected to be completed early in May next. During the same period 1,000 volumes have been re-bound, and a further contingent of 1,000 volumes are at present in process of binding. It is quite expected that the whole of the books will be so dealt with, shelf registered, and catalogued, during the ensuing year, and that this old and interesting Public Library will once more be placed at the disposal of the inhabitants of Newcastle and the district, for purposes of public reference in accordance with the wishes of the venerable founder, the late Rev. Robert Thomlinson, D.D.

It is, however, to be regretted, and it is at the same time important that it should at once be placed on record, that a very large number of the books in this collection are found to be very imperfect, or in such a dilapidated condition internally as well as externally, caused chiefly by damp and want of ventilation, as to be quite beyond the powers of our binders to restore. There are also a considerable number of works which have been, for all practical purposes of reference, superseded by later or more useful editions, so much so indeed as not to justify your Committee in spending the public funds upon their re-binding and permanent retention. The Council and the public, however, may rest assured that no effort will be spared to retain all the volumes that can in any way be utilised for the public service.

CONFERENCES.

The Fortieth Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held at South Shields on August 13th, 1888, under the presidency of Joseph Mason Moore, Esq., J.P., who delivered a very interesting and instructive address. Your Committee was represented by Councillors Carse and Henzell, and your Librarian, who reported to the conference on the work accomplished at the Public Libraries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

A very valuable and suggestive paper was read by Mr. Alexander Scott, B.A., entitled "The future developments of Popular Education." Visits were paid by the delegates to the Roman Camp at the Lawe; the Tyne Life Boats; the Pier Works; and the Marine Parks, and in the evening the members of the Conference were entertained to dinner by the President at the Public Library Hall.

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the Library Association of the United Kingdom was held at Glasgow, on September 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1888, and was largely attended. A very thoughtful and interesting address was delivered by the President, Professor William P. Dickson, D.D., LL.D., Curator of the University Library. Papers of a practical nature were read, of which the following is a selection, viz. :—"Elzevir Bibliography," "Sketch of a Public Library Establishment for Glasgow, with some remarks on the Mitchell Library," "Experientia Docet," "Sketch of the Brothers Foulis, and other Glasgow Printers," "Water-marks in Fifteeners," "Lending Libraries and Board Schools," "Borrowing and Rating Powers under the Public Libraries Acts," "Donations and Aids to the Library Rate," "A Bibliographical Martyr: Dr. Robert Watt, the Author of the *Bibliotheca Britannica*," "The Arrangement of Large Subject Headings in Dictionary Catalogues," "A Day's Reading at the Mitchell Library," and "The Duty of Government to provide the People with Books." Visits were also paid to Glasgow Cathedral, the New Municipal Buildings, Glasgow University, Ayr and the Land of Burns, the Clyde, etc. It was decided to hold the next meeting (if possible) in Paris, in view of the Exposition Universelle, to be held in that city in 1889.

DONATIONS.

The number of volumes received as donations during the past year has amounted to 1,056, being largely in excess of previous years. Special attention may be called to the donation from Mr. Walter Scott, of the Kenilworth Press. Mr. Scott not only presented one copy of each of his publications in print (amounting to 370 volumes), but he has further very graciously undertaken to supplement his gift by a grant of one copy

of all works which may be published by him in future. This very kind action on the part of Mr. Walter Scott has been most cheering to the Committee in their efforts, as they feel satisfied that such a concession will very materially aid them in their endeavour to build up for all time such a collection of the literary productions of the district, as will be an enduring monument to our local authors, and to the literary activity of the Northern Counties, as well as of the enterprise and large-mindedness of the publishing firm of which Mr. Scott is chief. To mark their sense of this donation, the Committee have decided to shelve the books as a distinct section of the Reference Department, to be called the "Walter Scott Library." Among the works presented by Mr. Scott, special mention may be made of the following series, viz. :—"Great Writers;" "Camelot Classics;" "Canterbury Poets;" "Poetical Anthologies;" "Kenilworth and Oxford Libraries;" "Young Folks' Library;" "Gypsy Library;" "Bijou Books;" "Elswick Science Series;" "Guide and Handbooks;" "Count Tolstoï's Works;" Wilson's "Tales of the Borders," etc. Valuable donations have also been received from John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Esq., of Whitefield House, Hepple, in continuation of the bequest by his uncle, the Delegates of the Pitt Press, Cambridge, and from Mr. A. Barnes Moss, Printer and Publisher, Carlisle. Promises have also been received of the publications of the following Firms and Societies, viz. :—Messrs. Andrew Reid, Sons, and Co., Messrs. Lambert and Co., Limited, Messrs. R. Robinson and Co., Mr. Andrew Dickson, and the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Farmer's Club.

The total number of volumes presented to the Libraries since the adoption of the "Public Libraries Acts," and exclusive of the "Thomlinson Library" amounts to 10,317.

In the list of Donors of Books (*see* pages 28-30) special attention may be called to the following, viz :—Mr. Alderman Barkas, F.G.S. Rev. J. R. Boyle, F.S.A. Sir Benjamin Chapman Browne, D.C.L. The Trustees of the British Museum. Colonel Ralph Edward Carr. Sir Edwin Chadwick. The Cobden Club. Dr. Abraham Coles. The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The Council of the North-East Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders. The Congregational Union of England and Wales. Messrs. A. K. Fisher, and Co. The Governments of Canada, and the United States of America. Rev. Alexander H. Hore, M.A. Samuel Laing, Esq. J. Stanley Little, Esq. B. Lupton, Esq. A. K. Loftus, Esq. Matthew Mackey, Junr., Esq. The Hon. Roden Noel. Major-General D. J. F. Newall. His Grace the Duke of of Northumberland, K.G. The Palestine Exploration Fund. Deane Parker Pennethorne, Esq. Isaac Pitman, Esq. Bernard Quaritch, Esq. The Royal Society of London. Arthur W. Sayer, Esq. W. Shand, Esq.

Miss Emily Sharpe. Miss Smallpage. The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A. Rev. Robert Anchor Thompson, M.A., and Robert Spence Watson, Esq, LL.D , F.R.G.S.

In continuation of the Gift of Sculpture by the late John Graham Lough, the Committee also beg to acknowledge the receipt through the late Mrs. J. G. Lough of a group in marble entitled "The Mountain Nymph," and from Miss M. Lough Bishop on behalf of the late Mrs. J. G. Lough of a marble bust of her late husband John Graham Lough, Sculptor. Both of these pieces of statuary are from the chisel of the late John Graham Lough.

THE RIDDELL BEQUEST.

This valuable bequest of books was made to the Public Libraries, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by the late Henry Philip Archibald Buchanan Riddell, Esq., C.S.I., and J.P., of Whitefield House, Hepple, Northumberland, who died on January 20th, 1889.

The deceased gentleman was born in 1819, and was educated at Eton, and Haileybury College. He was for a considerable time in the Bengal Civil Service, and was a member of the Legislative Council of India. His services to the Indian Government were rewarded by the presentation of a medal, and he was also made a Companion of the most exalted Order of the Star of India, the highest honour bestowed for civil service under the Crown. For some years he was in the employment of the old "East India Company," and for a considerable period he held the important office of Postmaster-General for India. It was during his residence in the East that the collection of books now the property of the Public Libraries Committee was formed.

The entire bequest consists of 820 volumes and 8 Pamphlets, all of which, as a rule, are in good sound Library bindings, although some are very seriously damaged by the insect plagues which abound in an eastern climate. Most of the works are of a rare and valuable character, but special attention may be drawn to the following, viz. :—" Indian Antiquities," 7 vols. " Works of Sir William Jones," 13 vols. " Despatches of the Marquis Wellesley." Biographies of Warren Hastings, Lord Clive, Lord Metcalf, Lord Harris, Lord Clyde, Sir Herbert Edwardes, Sir Henry Lawrence, Lord Lawrence, and Kaye's Lives of Indian Officers. Van Prinsep's " Imperial India." Elliot's " History of India," 8 vols. Mill and Wilson's " History of India," 9 vols. Wheeler's " History of India." Dow's " History of Hindustan." D'Herbelot's " Bibliothèque Orientale." Maurice's " History of Ancient and Modern Hindustan." Staunton's " Embassy to China." Adam's " Hindui and English Dictionary." Hanway's " Travels over the Caspian Sea." Hunter's Statistical Account of Bengal," 20 vols. Hunter's "Imperial Gazetteer

of India," 9 vols. Kaye's "History of the War in Afghanistan." Malcolm's "History of Persia." Malcolm's "History of India." Malcolm's "Memoir of Central India." Thornton's "History of British India;" together with complete sets of "Asiatic Researches," and the "Journals and Transactions of the Asiatic Societies of Bengal, Bombay, and Great Britain."

Altogether the collection is probably one of the most complete and valuable Libraries that has ever been brought together of works treating on the Antiquities, Archæology, and History of our Indian Empire.

In accordance with the expressed wish of Mr. Riddell's executor (who also gave a valuable donation of Books, about 80 volumes in continuation of his uncle's bequest) your Committee have decided to separately shelve this collection in the Reference Department, and to style it for all time the "Riddell Bequest Library."

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

In June, 1888, upon the completion of the Summer Session, your Committee unanimously decided that the time had come when the Science and Art Classes so long and so successfully carried on by the Mechanics' Institution, and for the past 10 years by the Educational Sub-Committee of the Public Libraries, should be brought to a close, in so far as their being located in the Public Library building, and supported out of the Library Rate, was concerned.

It will be quite within the public remembrance that when the negotiations for the transfer of the Mechanics' Institution to the City for the purposes of a Public Library were completed, that the Public Libraries Committee undertook to continue and maintain these classes in a state of efficiency for the space of seven years, and it will now be observed that the Public Libraries Committee not only loyally carried out the agreement, but extended the time three years beyond the terms of the arrangement.

In the earlier history of these Educational Classes, the Mechanic's Institution was practically alone in the field, and through the efforts of that Institution, in this direction, was provided for the young people of Newcastle that supplementary Education, which was at that time so much required; but as time went on, classes of a similar nature were commenced and continued by several other Educational Institutions in the City, until it became apparent to your Committee that in continuing to uphold these classes, they were really spending the money of the rate-payers in competition with other Public Institutions, and as the whole sum produced by the Penny Rate, was required for Library purposes pure and simple, the continuance of the classes, under these changed

conditions became a very grave question of policy; while in addition, the rooms set apart for class purposes were urgently needed for the storage of the Thomlinson Library and other necessary extensions in other departments of the Institution.

It was therefore resolved at a meeting of the Public Libraries Committee held on August 1st, 1888, to transfer the Educational Classes, hitherto held at the Public Libraries, to the Bath Lane Science and Art Schools; together with all properties and apparatus of an educational character such as Desks, Seats, Art and Science Models, etc., and which were of no further use for Library purposes, and it was further resolved and agreed that in future the Public Libraries Committee should be represented upon the board of management for the Bath Lane Schools of Science and Art, in so far as these particular classes are concerned.

In bringing this Report to a close the Public Libraries Committee would desire to place on record their sense of indebtedness to Mr. William Milburn Henzell who, as one of the representatives in the City Council for Elswick East Ward, has been their colleague from the formation of the Public Libraries Committee, and one of the first donors to the Institution, and who, in consequence of continued ill-health has been reluctantly compelled to resign his seat in the Council.

Mr. Henzell through all the varied fortunes of the Public Libraries movement has been a staunch friend to the Institution, and your Committee would venture to suggest to the City Council that that body should now appoint him a member of the Public Libraries Committee, under their powers to appoint persons not members of their body.

The Committee must also record their continued appreciation of the valuable services of the Chief Librarian and of the staff which he has gathered round him, and which, thanks to his careful and able instructions have become so efficient. Mr. Haggerston, has not only got the interests of the Institution thoroughly at heart, but he has a complete and exhaustive knowledge of the working of a Library, and is unsparingly devoted to the duties of his office.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

TOWN HALL, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
June 28th, 1889.

Presented to the City Council,
July 3rd, 1889.

Adopted by the City Council,
October 1st, 1889.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1888		30,449	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1889 :—			
By Gift	110		
By Purchase	930		
By Transfer from Reference to Lending Library ...	17		
		1,057	
		31,506	
Less—6 volumes Transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library, and 2 volumes in consequence of a work in 3 volumes having been replaced by a 1 volume edition...		8	
Total Stock in Lending Library			31,498

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1888		29,856	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1889 :—			
By Gift, including Specifications of Patents for Inventions and other Publications of the Patent Office; "Riddell Bequest," and "Scott Donation"	1,767		
By Purchase	799		
By Transfer from Lending to Reference Library ...	6		
		2,572	
		32,428	
Less—Volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works		17	
		32,411	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		10	
Total Stock in Reference Library			32,401

TOTAL STOCK.

Total stock of volumes in both Departments from all sources :—			
From Mechanics' Institute Library		2,003	
By Gift, including 3,735 volumes of Patent Specifications and Abstracts, 821 volumes of the "Riddell Bequest," and 370 volumes of the "Scott Donation"		10,317	
Thomlinson Library transferred	4,365		
Do. recovered since transfer ...	23		
Do. donations received since transfer	4		
		4,392	
By Purchase		47,197	
		63,909	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		10	
Total Stock			63,899

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,387	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels (* 2)	7,395	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,816	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities (* 2)... ...	1,339	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics (* 2) ...	972	
F.—Philology, and Education	393	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,446	
H.—Prose Fiction (* 2)	7,829	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	4,559	
K.—Juvenile Literature...	2,370	
	31,506	
Less.—6 volumes transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library, and 2 volumes in consequence of a work in 3 volumes having been replaced by a 1 volume edition	8	
Total Stock in Lending Libraries		31,498

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy (* 2)...	1,783	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels (* 5)...	4,602	
C.—Science, and Natural History (* 16)	2,369	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities (* 1)... ...	2,207	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	2,410	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias (* 1)	2,030	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama (* 1)	1,026	
H.—Prose Fiction	504	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature; including the Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies (* 1)	7,370	
	24,301	
Publications of the Patent Office	3,735	
Thomlinson Library	4,392	
	32,428	
Less.—17 volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works; and 10 volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies	27	
Total Stock in Reference Library		32,401
Total Stock		63,899

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880.

13,381 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

377 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

54 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

1,709 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past re-binding, and have been replaced by the Committee.

15 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace can be found.

20 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Ainsworth's Star Chamber. Austen's Mansfield Park. Besant and Rice's Seamy Side. Besant and Rice's Ten Years' Tenant. Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Fitzgerald's Recreations of a Literary Man, 2 vols. Gosman's Seven Days in London. Habberton's Barton Experiment. James' Arabella Stuart. Leahy's Art of Swimming in the Eton Style. Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome. MacDonald's Stephen Archer. Military Life, Tales of, vol. I. Mitchell's Bainbridge Holme, 2 vols. Mulock's My Mother and I. Sadler's Flag Lieutenant. Starlings's Noble Deeds of Women. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin; edited by Crowe.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1888, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1889.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1888.													
March 26th, to 31st	178	310	257	288	170	235	333	2,147	485	691	5,094	5	1,019
April	459	1,416	1,393	909	666	700	1,474	10,323	2,656	2,906	22,902	22	1,041
May	453	1,589	1,161	817	703	844	1,013	10,595	2,809	3,041	23,025	24	959
June*	335	666	512	386	335	408	464	7,047	1,750	2,028	13,931	19	733
July	568	1,307	1,093	891	709	676	1,232	11,051	1,870	2,827	22,224	24	926
August	617	1,176	1,049	958	852	852	1,300	10,891	1,586	2,808	22,089	23	960
September	601	1,166	948	863	732	659	982	10,587	1,855	3,233	21,626	23	940
October	633	1,381	1,119	1,175	1,155	852	1,008	11,123	2,163	3,529	24,138	24	1,006
November	703	1,366	1,268	1,221	1,229	899	907	11,243	2,424	3,624	24,884	24	1,037
December...	533	1,018	988	557	710	576	903	10,153	1,740	2,928	20,106	21	957
1889.													
January	889	1,217	1,454	290	258	386	399	12,082	1,357	4,005	22,337	24	931
February	731	1,158	1,471	393	240	283	378	10,711	1,336	3,654	20,355	22	925
March 1st, to 25th	443	878	1,031	316	206	216	341	8,853	1,217	3,250	16,751	20	889
Total Issue in each Class ...	7,143	14,648	13,744	9,064	7,965	7,586	10,734	126,806	23,248	38,524	259,462	275	943
Class Percentage of entire Issue	2·75	5·65	5·30	3·49	3·07	2·92	4·14	48·87	8·96	14·85	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	26	53	50	33	29	28	39	461	84	140	943		
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	2,387	7,393	2,816	1,337	970	393	1,446	7,827	4,559	2,370	31,498		
Turn Over	2·99	1·98	4·88	6·78	8·21	19·30	7·42	16·20	5·09	16·25	8·23		

N.B.—The Lending Libraries were closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1·0 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 18th, to and including June 23rd, 1888, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE V.

SHOWING THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LENDING DEPARTMENTS OF TWELVE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ENGLAND, AS COMPARED WITH NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

No.	NAME OF CITY, OR TOWN.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issue in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issue.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,508	2	9,035	47,283	427,532	9·04	17,408	328,240	18·85	76·77
2	Birmingham	1861	400,774	5	20,111	58,658	542,901	9·25	21,779	347,334	15·94	63·97
3	Manchester	1852	341,414	6	42,695	102,696	775,000	7·54	28,039	545,844	19·46	70·43
4	Leeds	1870	309,126	27	21,259	115,695	739,618	6·39	46,090	421,832	9·15	57·03
5	Sheffield	1855	284,410	5	13,639	77,224	208,862	2·70	18,490	135,743	7·34	64·99
6	Bristol	1876	206,503	6	18,654	72,600	642,432	8·84	17,571	371,548	21·14	57·83
7	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,228	1	11,968	31,498	259,462	8·23	7,827	126,806	16·20	48·87
8	Leicester	1870	122,376	2	6,408	20,588	126,391	8·56	7,974	106,528	13·36	60·41
9	Sunderland	1860	116,542	1	2,628	13,567	109,953	8·10	4,967	94,012	18·93	85·51
10	Preston	1879	96,532	1	13,990	15,637	104,000	6·93	3,396	71,297	20·99	68·55
11	Norwich	1857	87,842	1	3,660	11,966	81,065	6·77	3,543	60,849	17·17	75·06
12	Wolverhampton ...	1869	75,766	1	2,000	25,000	62,901	2·51	7,234	44,253	6·11	70·35
13	Rochdale	1872	68,865	1	6,500	29,170	145,770	4·99	11,583*	118,033*	10·19	80·97

* Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 7th in Population, 7th in Stock, 5th in Turn Over, 7th in Number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction is lower than in any of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades, and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Actresses	—	2
Artists	—	6
Assistants	—	25
Bookbinders	—	3
Cashiers	—	7
Clerks...	—	6
Cooks, and Confectioners ...	1	8
Domestic Servants	—	40
Dress, and Mantle Makers...	11	159
Governesses	2	21
Grocers	—	3
Hosiers	—	8
Housekeepers	3	21
Journalist	—	1
Laundresses	1	1
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmaids	—	4
Lodging-House Keepers ...	5	—
Machinists	—	20
Carried forward ...	23	335

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	23	335
Manageresses	1	7
Matrons	1	8
Milliners	2	39
Nurses	—	21
Professors of Music... ...	—	12
Pupil Teachers	—	44
Saleswomen	—	28
Scholars	—	138
Schoolmistresses	5	49
Seamstresses	1	6
Shopkeepers	2	2
Students	—	7
Teachers	—	118
Telegraphists	—	8
Upholstresses	—	8
Waitresses	—	5
No Occupation stated ...	176	2,798
Total	211	3,633

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	52	21
Actors	—	2
Actuaries, and Notaries ...	2	—
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc. ...	132	83
Apprentices	—	163
Architects	15	24
Artists	10	16
Assistants	—	85
Auctioneers	4	1
Bailiff	1	—
Bakers, and Confectioners...	20	20
Barristers	1	1
Basket, and Box Makers ...	2	2
Bell Hangers...	2	—
Belt Makers	4	6
Billiard Markers	—	3
Block and Mast Makers ...	3	—
Boat Builders	2	1
Boilermakers	16	4
Bookbinders	8	15
Booksellers, and Stationers	14	18
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	33	23
Bottlers	2	2
Brass Finishers	16	19
Brewers	3	—
Bricklayers	30	11
Carried forward ...	372	520

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	372	520
Brick Makers	—	3
Brokers	11	1
Brush Makers	6	7
Builders, and Contractors ...	43	8
Butchers	28	26
Butler	1	—
Cab Proprietor	1	—
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	39	50
Caretakers, and Janitors ...	2	10
Carpet Planners	1	1
Cartmen	16	16
Cartwrights	2	1
Carvers, and Gilders ...	10	15
Cashiers	25	13
Checkers	—	3
Chemists, Analytical ...	3	4
Chemists, and Druggists ...	33	38
Clergymen	35	33
Clerks...	159	897
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	10	14
Coachmen, and Grooms ...	2	8
Collectors	8	2
Colliery Owner	1	—
Commercial Travellers ...	71	58
Carried forward ...	879	1,728

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	879	1,728
Consuls, and Vice-Consuls...	2	—
Cook	—	1
Coopers	9	2
Cork Cutters...	4	—
Cover Makers	—	5
Cutlers	3	2
Dairymen	3	2
Dentists	5	5
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons ...	21	27
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	72	131
Draughtsmen	25	47
Drillers	3	5
Drysalters	3	—
Dyers	5	6
Electricians	3	16
Elocutionists...	1	2
Engine Drivers	8	4
Engineers	83	165
Engineers, Civil	10	9
Engineers, Consulting ...	1	2
Engineers, Mining	2	2
Enginemen	3	2
Engravers, and Embossers...	1	5
Errand Boys...	—	99
Farmers	2	2
Fellmonger	—	1
File Cutter	—	1
Firemen	8	10
Fishmongers...	8	2
Fitters	51	120
Foremen	20	5
French Polishers	1	2
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	9	10
Furniture Brokers	2	2
Furriers	3	2
Fuze Makers...	—	2
Gardeners	4	9
Gas Inspectors	8	1
General Dealers	2	2
Glass Blowers, and Cutters	3	2
Glass Painters, and Stainers	5	5
Gold Beater	1	—
Goldsmiths	4	2
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	87	93
Gun Makers	1	2
Hairdressers, and Perfumers	6	26
Hatters	8	1
Hawkers	1	3
Inspectors	4	4
Iron Founders	1	4
Ironmongers	16	14
Japanner	—	1
Jewellers, and Watchmakers	14	27
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	86	99
Journalists, and Reporters...	12	18
Labourers	51	53
Carried forward ...	1,564	2,792

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,564	2,792
Lamplighters	—	2
Lathrenders	1	1
Law Stationer	—	1
Law Writer	—	1
Lead Workers	5	1
Leather Dressers	5	1
Library Assistants	—	15
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	25	20
Lithographers	2	8
Machinists	14	23
Managers	28	31
Manufacturers	34	10
Masons	30	12
Master Mariners	15	4
Mechanics	4	10
Medical Students	—	35
Merchants	140	31
Messengers	4	26
Metal Cleaners	1	1
Millers	11	6
Millwrights	6	7
Miners	10	13
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	23	41
Museum Keeper	1	—
Musicians	13	14
Nail Maker	1	—
Newspaper Despatchers ...	1	4
Officers, Army	3	2
———, Naval	2	1
——— of H.M. Civil Service	3	3
——— of H.M. Customs ...	6	12
——— of Inland Revenue ...	10	9
Opticians	2	2
Organ Builder	1	—
Overseers	4	—
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, etc.	55	59
Paper Stainers	1	1
Pavior	1	—
Pawnbrokers...	7	5
Pensioner, Army	—	1
Photographers	6	13
Pilots	2	—
Plasterers	15	1
Platelayer	1	—
Platers	4	9
Plumbers	21	43
Police Officers	14	10
Porters	16	24
Post Office Officials	13	48
Potters	4	2
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	73	86
Professors of Music... ...	10	4
Publishers	2	—
Pupil Teachers	—	34
Quarrymen	2	1
Carried forward ...	2,216	3,480

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,216	3,480
Railway Employés	39	21
Registrars	3	—
Relieving Officers	4	—
Restaurant Keepers ...	3	—
Riveters	11	12
Rope Makers	6	3
Saddlers	5	8
Sail Maker	1	—
Sailors	2	1
Salesmen	16	25
Sawyers	6	2
Scholars	—	590
School Board Officers ...	7	—
School Inspectors	4	—
Schoolmasters	13	32
Sculptor	1	—
Secretaries	6	6
Ship Brokers...	13	4
Ship Builders	1	2
Ship Owners...	11	—
Shipwrights	10	4
Shop Keepers	16	3
Shorthand Writers	—	4
Slaters	4	2
Smiths	36	55
Solicitors	21	11
Stevedores	3	2
Store, and Time-keepers ...	16	8
Students	—	66
Carried forward ...	2,474	4,341

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,474	4,341
Surveyors	11	13
Sweeps	1	1
Tailors, and Cutters ...	60	40
Tanners, and Curriers ...	8	5
Teachers	27	62
Telegraphists	20	64
Ticket Writers	1	3
Tobacconists...	16	10
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	4	4
Treasurer	1	—
Turners	18	18
Umbrella Makers	1	1
Underwriters	2	—
Veterinary Surgeons ...	4	1
Waiters	6	7
Warehousemen	35	49
Watermen	5	3
Wharfingers	1	2
Wheelwrights	2	3
Wherry Owner	1	—
Wire Workers	5	5
No Occupation stated ...	102	687
Total Males ...	2,805	5,319
Total Females ...	211	3,633
	3,016	8,952
	11,968	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	1,148	397
From 15 to 20	2,048	1,069
From 21 to 30	1,420	1,023
From 31 to 40	315	398
Carried forward ...	4,931	2,887

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	4,931	2,887
From 41 to 50	134	190
From 51 to 60	77	66
From 61 to 80	47	53
Ages not stated	91	476
Total	5,280	3,672

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas' ...	75	156	231
St. John's	68	246	314
St. Andrew's North	334	1,370	1,704
St. Andrew's South	96	300	396
All Saints' East ...	318	1,214	1,532
All Saints' West ...	131	123	254
Westgate	476	1,494	1,970
Carried forward	1,498	4,903	6,401

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	1,498	4,903	6,401
Elswick	817	1,911	2,728
Jesmond	228	901	1,129
Byker	78	420	498
Heaton	370	817	1,187
Non-resident Freemen	25	—	25
Total... ...	3,016	8,952	11,968

TABLE IX.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library, during Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1889, the Number of Open Days, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, the Class Percentage of Issue, the Number of Volumes in Stock, and Turn Over in each Class.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1888.													
March 26th, to 31st	33	87	53	79	114	48	27	5	59	Nil	505	5	101
April	190	329	529	300	568	353	70	93	288	294	3,014	24	126
May	124	312	485	430	776	288	52	57	384	147	3,055	26	117
June*	102	210	304	222	421	164	34	36	123	175	1,791	16	112
July	177	413	518	352	689	276	62	117	375	290	3,269	26	126
August	191	417	477	490	658	228	82	74	388	248	3,253	26	125
September	143	381	552	527	577	402	65	81	358	204	3,290	25	132
October	119	436	592	501	526	381	107	71	359	552	3,644	27	135
November	224	397	447	417	693	211	68	76	391	403	3,327	26	128
December...	111	209	355	278	514	232	67	56	246	143	2,211	23	96
1889.													
January	133	416	397	326	706	387	107	48	363	268	3,151	26	121
February	134	312	296	512	672	330	80	35	349	279	2,999	24	128
March 1st, to 25th	107	240	314	422	500	331	136	38	265	238	2,591	21	123
Total Issue in each Class ...	1,788	4,159	5,319	4,856	7,414	3,631	957	787	3,948	3,241	36,100	295	122
Class Percentage of entire Issue	4·95	11·52	14·73	13·45	20·54	10·06	2·65	2·18	10·94	8·98	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	6	14	18	17	25	12	3	3	13	11	122		
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	1,781	4,597	2,353	2,206	2,403	2,029	1,025	504	7,360	3,735	27,993†		
Turn Over	1·00	·90	2·26	2·20	3·09	1·79	·93	1·56	·53	·87	1·29		

* Library closed from June 13th, to and including June 23rd, 1888, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

† Exclusive of the Thomlinson Library (4,392).

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	37	49
Actors, and Actresses ...	4	8
Agents	192	409
Analysts	21	78
Apprentices	120	205
Architects	128	389
———, Naval	21	154
Artists	151	371
Assistants, Shop	12	17
Auctioneers	8	16
Average-adjuster	1	5
Bakers, and Confectioners...	13	19
Bankers	2	8
Bellhangers	3	6
Beltmaker	1	1
Blacksmiths	13	28
Boilersmiths	10	18
Bookbinders	19	30
Booksellers, and Stationers	43	71
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	28	34
Brassworkers	44	99
Bricklayers	4	6
Brokers	8	34
Builders, and Contractors ...	22	49
Butchers	10	21
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	32	69
Canvassers, and Collectors...	32	43
Cartman	1	1
Cartwrights	3	4
Carvers, and Gilders ...	21	61
Cashiers	26	71
Checkers	65	131
Chemists and Druggists ...	95	214
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	239	758
Clerks, and Book-keepers ..	1,523	3,024
Clerks of Works	8	14
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	64	251
Commercial Travellers ...	141	287
Consuls, Vice	2	48
Curriers, and Tanners ...	2	4
Cutlers	2	2
Dentists	7	23
Designers, and Carpet Planners	6	20
Drapers	74	154
Draughtsmen	232	624
Dressmaker	1	1
Drillers	19	27
Drysalter	1	7
Dyers	11	16
Elocutionists...	6	16
Carried forward ...	3,528	7,995

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	3,528	7,995
Engineers	789	2,663
———, Civil	63	172
———, Electrical	35	104
———, Marine	3	10
———, Mechanical... ...	4	65
Engravers	20	33
Farmers	2	13
Firemen	6	19
Fitters, and Turners ...	474	1,124
Foremen	7	13
Fruiterers, and Seedsmen ...	8	12
Fuze Maker	1	1
Gardeners	6	6
General Dealers	13	18
Glass Cutters	10	18
Glass Painters, and Stainers	5	16
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	60	136
Hairdressers	12	52
Hawker	1	1
Inspectors, and Superintendents	6	11
Ironfounders	9	24
Ironmongers	55	170
Jewellers, and Watchmakers	22	38
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	253	749
Journalists, and Reporters	128	571
Labourers	148	256
Lecturers	5	23
Librarians, and Library Assistants	20	49
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	19	30
Lithographers	23	68
Machinists	16	26
Managers	12	51
Manufacturers	18	116
Masons	28	61
Mechanics	13	42
Medical Students	36	66
Merchants	139	374
Messengers	2	4
Miller	1	2
Miners	133	315
Missionaries, and Evangelists	15	23
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	16	29
Musicians	13	16
Officers, Army	4	55
——, Naval	2	5
—— of H.M. Customs ...	5	10
—— of H.M. Inland Revenue	15	79
Overseers	2	4
Painters, and Decorators ...	63	125
Carried forward ...	6,268	15,863

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	6,268	15,863
Pawnbroker	1	1
Photographers	16	23
Plasterer	1	1
Platers	7	9
Plumbers	31	44
Policemen	11	60
Polishers	8	10
Post Office Officials	9	27
Poulterers	3	3
Printers, and Compositors...	112	202
Professors of Music... ...	5	21
Railway Officials	6	8
Registrars	2	5
Sailors	28	59
Salesmen	14	23
Schoolmasters, and Schoolmistresses	114	410
Secretaries	12	111
Shipwrights	7	14
Shorthand Writer	1	2
Smiths	8	17
Carried forward ...	6,665	16,914

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	6,665	16,914
Soldiers	2	2
Solicitors	82	320
Steward	1	2
Store, and Time-keepers ...	10	14
Students	274	528
Surgeons, Doctors, etc. ...	68	197
Surveyors	19	44
Tailors, and Cutters ...	28	75
Teachers	455	1,077
Telegraphists	22	32
Ticket Writers	2	4
Tinsmiths	3	4
Tobacconists	8	25
Underwriter...	1	12
Warehousemen	22	34
Weighmen	4	9
Wheelwright	1	1
Whitesmiths...	2	4
Wireworkers ..	3	3
No Occupation stated ...	3,949	16,800
Total	11,620	36,100

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	2,827	5,040
From 21 to 30	3,109	6,827
From 31 to 30	819	2,293
From 41 to 50	439	1,313
Carried forward ...	7,194	15,473

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	7,194	15,473
From 51 to 60	138	609
From 61 to 80	65	374
Ages not stated	4,223	19,644
Total	11,620	36,100

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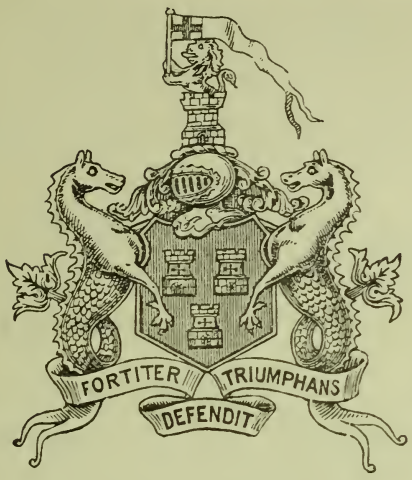

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NINTH REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,

1889-90.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

It once more becomes the duty of your Committee to render an account of their stewardship, and at the same time to place upon record those facts and figures which so materially go to make up the life of a great public Institution, such as the Public Libraries of this City are eminently calculated to become.

During the year ended March 25th, 1890, each of the several sections of the Institution has made for itself a distinct advance, the issue of books for home reading, both in the Adult and Juvenile Lending Departments, as well as the number of works consulted in the Reference Library, have fairly and considerably increased.

There has been a slight increase in the percentage of Prose Fiction as compared with the gross issue, amounting to 1·94; but when compared with the other principal Public Libraries in Great Britain, as shown in Table V., page 22, it will be at once apparent that Newcastle holds a most enviable position in this respect.

The year closed with 9,901 Readers, entitled to borrow for home reading, divided as follows, Citizens, 2,312, Non-Citizens, 7,589, of which number 3,647 joined or, re-joined during the year. During the same period 5,714 names have been expunged from the "Reader's Registers," leaving 2,067 Ticket-holders less than at March 25th, 1889, when the number reached 11,968. This decrease in the membership is chiefly owing to the strict enforcement of the Rule which requires all Borrowers to renew their Tickets every third year, from the

original date of issue, but it is especially gratifying to remember that with a decreased roll of Readers, the issue of books has increased by 1,977 volumes, thus proving conclusively that with a thoroughly expurgated roll of membership we have attained to a considerably higher rate of issue per Reader, it being in 1888-89, 21·68, and in 1889-90, 26·41.

The total number of volumes contained in all departments of the Library on March 25th, 1890, was found to be 66,969, being an increase of 3,070 on the year, or a total addition to stock, since the publication of the first stock-taking return in September, 1881, of 39,222 volumes.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

This department was open to the public on 273 days, and the total issue amounted to 261,439 volumes, being an increase of 1,977 over 1888-89. This is the largest recorded issue for the Lending Library for any one year since it opened, with the exception of the first, when a very large turn over was naturally to have been expected. The gross issue in the Lending Library since September, 1880 (nine and a half years) has reached 2,295,079 volumes.

1,172 volumes have been added to the Lending Stock, making the total number of volumes available for home reading 32,670; or, a total addition since 1880, of 12,601, or, an average of 1,326 volumes annually.

At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1889, *not one single volume was unaccounted for.* The total number of volumes which have been actually lost since the Library commenced operations in September, 1880, has been *twenty.* For List *see* page 20.

During the year 510 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation, being found to be so worn, or imperfect, as to be beyond the powers of our binders to repair, and these have been replaced by new copies. This brings the number of replaced books dealt with during the past nine and a half years up to 2,219 volumes, or, 1 in 15 of the entire stock.

To meet the urgent want of Readers an "Alphabetical List of all Books added to the Lending and Juvenile Libraries" up to June, 1889, was published at midsummer, and sold at the nominal price of twopence. Of this List 1,336 copies had been sold to March 25th, 1890.

During the year 1,545 volumes were bound, or re-bound for this department, as well as a large number which were repaired by the members of the Library staff.

Quite recently a Special Book-case has been provided for the Lending Library, in which all new books are exhibited to Readers for a day or two before they are placed in circulation. This case is provided with a printed notice to the effect that "The books in this case are recent additions to the Lending and Juvenile Libraries, and they will be ready for issue at the time specified." By this arrangement Readers have been enabled to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the titles and shelf numbers of all books newly added to the collection, and to secure the same on their first issue, instead of probably waiting for months, as they were often compelled to do by the old system of consulting the MS. "Lists of Additions" displayed in the Library from time to time.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

This section of the Library of which not only the Committee, and its Librarian, but the entire City may, and ought to feel exceedingly proud has done remarkably good work during the past year.

The total stock of volumes contained in the collection now reaches 2,562; or, an increase of 192 on the previous return, being an addition to stock since the commencement of operations in 1880 of 1,590 volumes.

During the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1889, *not one single volume remained unaccounted for*, and only *two volumes* have been lost from this department since 1880.

The total issue for the year was 46,309; or, an increase of 7,785 volumes over 1888-89, giving a total issue for nine and a half years of 317,767 volumes.

In this section of the Library there is still a growing demand for works treating of Natural History, Travel, Biography, and History, while the so called "Children's Books" are less and less in request.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

The stock in this Library now amounts to 3,822 volumes; or, an increase of 87 on the previous return.

The issue for the year has been 4,055, being an increase of 814.

Since the publication of the last Annual Report your Committee have been in negotiation with the Board of Trade, the Patent Office, and the Corporation of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and such arrangements have now been made as will permit of persons wishing to consult these publications being enabled to do so within three weeks of the acceptance of any individual "Specification," instead of having to wait until 15 or 18 months had expired, and the bound volume containing the "Specification" had been delivered at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

By the new arrangement made with the Patent Office, the Public Library of this City will now receive weekly a parcel containing all completed "Specifications" published during the preceding week, and as the Corporation of the City have very generously undertaken, in the public interest, to bear the charges of providing the necessary boxes in which to store these publications prior to binding, as well as the ultimate cost of binding the volumes themselves; together with all payments for carriage, collection, etc., the Public Libraries Committee will now be able to place at the service of all Inventors, Patent Agents, and others interested in these publications facilities for research quite equal to those given at the Patent Office in London itself, and that without incurring any additional cost to the Library, other than that caused by the extra duty entailed by a more complete and effective administration. This department of the Library contains in addition to the English Patent Office publications, complete sets of the "Canadian Patent Office Record," and the "Indices to the Patents and Patentees of the Colony of Victoria," A.D. 1854-82; as well as "Letters of Registration granted for Inventions in the Colony of Queensland," A.D. 1860-76 inclusive.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

598,224 separate visits were paid to this room on the 297 week days it was open to the public; or, a daily average of 2,014 visits, being an increase of 11,457 on the year; or, a daily average increase of 51.

The total number of recorded visits to the News-Room since its opening on September 1st, 1882 (seven and a half years) has amounted to 4,330,837. This department is now regularly supplied with 32 daily, 92 weekly and bi-weekly, 145 monthly and bi-monthly, and 15 quarterly Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews, etc. For list *see* pages 28–30.

Your Committee regret exceedingly having to state that although prominent prohibitory notices have been freely displayed in the Rooms, a number of the Newspapers have been cut, or otherwise mutilated, while no less than three copies of current Magazines and Reviews have during the year been surreptitiously removed from the tables. Your Committee can only add that it is their fixed determination to *prosecute with the utmost rigour of the law any Reader who may be discovered so offending.*

This Room (as per Resolution of the City Council, dated September 5, 1883) was also open on 51 Sundays during the past year (between

the hours of 2 and 9 o'clock p.m.), and the individual visits reached a total of 36,377; or, a daily average of 725, being an increase on the year of 291. The total visits to the News-Room on Sundays since 1883 has been 225,256.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

It is a source of great satisfaction to your Committee to be able to announce that there has been a substantial increase in the number of volumes consulted in this department, the total issue for the year being 40,425; or, an increase of 4,325 over last return. This addition to the issue not only covers the ground lost during 1888-89, but it shows an actual increase over the issue for 1887-88. The daily average issue for the 297 open days has been 136 volumes, or 13 per diem in advance of last year. The total number of volumes consulted in this department since the opening on August 20th, 1884, has been 216,090.

The total stock in this department (inclusive of the "Thomlinson Library," the "Merrifield Library," the "Specifications for Patents of Inventions," the "Riddell Library," and the "Walter Scott Library"), now amounts to 34,299, or an increase of 1,898 volumes for the year.

During the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1889, *not one single volume or pamphlet remained unaccounted for,* and it is further the pleasing duty of the Committee to report that part 5 of the "Catalogue of the Reference Department of the Birmingham Free Libraries" announced in last Report as missing, has since been found, thus reducing the loss in the Reference Library to *one volume* during six years' work.

Your Committee again regret having to report another case of mutilation in this department, pages 113 to 144 inclusive, having been surreptitiously abstracted from a copy of the Second Edition of Sennett's "The Marine Engine," demy 8vo., 1885. This work is generally considered to be one of the best text-books on its subject, and is in consequence much in demand, especially by young men preparing to pass their examination for certificates as sea-going engineers. One of our Readers having discovered the imperfection immediately reported the damage to the attendant (according to Rule 5), and the Librarian is now in correspondence with the previous user of the book, whom he, according to Rule, holds responsible for the damage, but as he is at present at sea on a voyage, he has been unable to get the matter settled. In the communication sent to the defaulter the Librarian has given him the

opportunity of replacing the book with a new copy of equal value, but failing this, the Committee reserve to themselves the right to prosecute the offender.

The work of cataloguing this collection (nearly 35,000 volumes) has been assiduously kept up during the past year, with the result that Classes A to F inclusive have been exhaustively dealt with, leaving only Classes G to J yet to be transcribed.

In comparing the issues in the several classes with the previous returns it is interesting to note that there is an increased demand for works treating of the Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities; Philology, and Education; The Classics; Collected Works of Authors, Magazines, and Reviews; and The Transactions of Learned Societies; while during the same period the percentage of issues in Prose Fiction has fallen as low as 0·89, or under one per cent.

A very considerable number of rare, valuable, and costly works have been added to this department during the past year, both by purchase and gift, and special attention may with propriety be called to the following, viz.:—American Civil War, Battles and Leaders of the, 4 vols. Annual Register for A.D. 1888. Anson's Law and Custom of the Constitution, part 1. Babbage's Calculating Engines. Ball's Story of the Heavens. Bancroft's History of the Pacific States of North America, vols. 11-12, 20-21, and 25. Barlow's New Tay Bridge. Barton's History of New South Wales from the Records, vol. 1, A.D. 1783-89. Bell's Right Merry Garland of Northumberland Heroes (only 9 copies printed). Berwickshire Naturalists' Club, Proceedings of the, complete set to date. Bibles in the following languages:—Danish, German, Italian, Norwegian, Spanish, and Swedish; and the New Testament in Manx, and Rarotonga. Bibliotheca Classica, 26 vols. Biological Memoirs, Foreign, Translations of:—Physiology of Nerve, of Muscle, and of the Electrical organ; edited by Burdon-Sanderson; Ecker's Anatomy of the Frog; and Weismann's Essays upon Heredity. Boyce's Records of a Quaker Family. Brassey's Naval Annual, A.D. 1888-89. British Association for the Advancement of Science, Report of the 58th Meeting, held at Bath, in A.D. 1888. British Museum Publications:—Catalogue of Additions to the Manuscripts, 1882-87; Catalogue of Early Prints—German and Flemish Schools, vol. 2; Catalogue of Fossil Cephalopoda, part 1; Catalogue of Fossil Fishes, part 1; Catalogue of Fossil Reptilia, etc., parts 2-3; Catalogue of Greek Coins, vol. 12; Catalogue of Hindustani Printed Books; Catalogue of Marsupiala, etc.; Catalogue of Persian Manuscripts, vol. 3; Catalogue of Printed Books, 19 parts; Catalogue of Prints and Drawings, division 1,

Political and Personal Satires, vol. 4 ; Catalogue of the Chelonians, etc.; Illustrations of Lepidoptera Heterocera, part 7 ; List of Bibliographical Works in the Reading Room ; List of the Books of Reference in the Reading Room, 3rd edition. Burke's Speeches, 4 vols. Burns (Robert) Concordance to the Poems and Songs of ; compiled and edited, by Reid. Callon's Lectures on Mining, 6 vols. Carpenter's Permanent Elements of Religion (Bampton Lectures for A.D. 1887). Cassell's Encyclopædic Dictionary, 7 vols. "Challenger" Reports—Physics and Chemistry, vol. 2; Zoology, vols. 30-32, 4 vols in 5 parts. Chambers's Encyclopædia, new edition, vol. 4. Child's English and Scottish Popular Ballads, part 6. Civil War Tract: "The Parliament's Resolution for the speedy sending an Army into the North ; also, The True Relation of a Fight performed at New-castle, between the Earle of New-castle with 500 Cavaleers, and the Town and Colliers of New-castle," A.D. 1642. Coal-Field, Great Northern, Plans of the, 1st to 6th series. Cotterill's Applied Mechanics, 2nd edition. Cunningham and Adams' Swiss Confederation. Davey's History of Mourning. Davies' Historical Tracts. Day's Indian Fishes, 2 vols. Dicey's Law of the Constitution, 3rd edition. Dictionary of National Biography ; edited by Stephen, vols. 18-21. Dictionary of the Asante and Fante Languages. By Christaller. Dictionary, Persian-Arabic-English. By Hopkins. Duruy's History of Rome, vols. 3-6. Egypt Exploration Fund, Publications of the, 7 vols. Eissler's Metallurgy of Silver. Encyclopædia Americana, vol. 4. Encyclopædia Britannica, Index to the 24 volumes of the. Farrar's Early Days of Christianity, 2 vols. Fergusson's Holy Sepulchre and Temple at Jerusalem. Fischbach's Textile Ornaments. Fisheries Exhibition Literature, 14 vols. Friendly Societies, Reports and Papers—a complete set to date. Fyffe's Modern Europe, vol. 3. Gardiner's Constitutional Documents of the Puritan Revolution. Garrison (William Lloyd) Story of the Life of, 4 vols. Gateshead Local Records for A.D. 1840, 1844-46, and 1849, 5 vols. (completing our set). Goldsmid's The Elzevier Presses. Grimm's Teutonic Mythology, vols. 3-4. Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, vol. 4. Guppy's Solomon Islands, and their Geology, 2 vols. Haddon's Introduction to the study of Embryology. Hamley's Operations of War. Hansard's Parliamentary Debates for Session 1889-90, 8 vols. Heitzmann's Anatomy. Hutton's Practical Engineer's Handbook, 3rd edition. Illynaise Grammar. Johnston's Geographical Dictionary. Jones' Stonehenge. Kemp's Manual of Yacht and Boat Sailing, 6th Edition. Kingsford's History of Canada, vols. 1-3. Kit-Cat Club, Memoirs of the (large paper). Knowles and Boyle's Vestiges

of Old Newcastle and Gateshead, 2 copies. Lane's Arabic-English Lexicon, vol. 8, Fasciculus 3. Leger's History of Austro-Hungary. Lightfoot's Apostolic Fathers, part 2, 3 vols. Longfellow's Works (Riverside edition) 11 vols. Lyell's Principles of Geology, 2 vols. McCarthy's History of the Four Georges, vol. 2. Mackenzie and Ross' Historical, Topographical, and Descriptive View of the County Palatine of Durham, 2 vols. Magazine of Art, complete set to date. Martineau's Study of Religions. Moore and Hall's History and Law of the Foreshore and Sea-shore. Moule's Bibliotheca Heraldica. Mukharji's Art Manufactures of India. Murray's Handbooks, new editions of the following:—Egypt; Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, and Worcestershire; Holland and Belgium; Central Italy; the Panjáb; the Rhine and North Germany; Riviera, etc.; Savoy and Piedmont; Scotland; Switzerland; and North Wales. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: An Acte for the unitinge and annexing of the towne of Gateside to the towne of Newcastel-upon-Tine, 7 Edward VI., A.D. 1553. Newcastle General Magazine, A.D. 1747-1759. Nicholson and Lydekker's Manual of Palæontology, 3rd edition, 2 vols. North-Eastern Railway Lines in Northumberland, Plan of the. Oliver's History of Beverley. Ordnance Survey Plans, on 6 and 25 inch scales, of Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland; on which has been coloured the Roman Wall, the Vallum, and Mile Castles, 25 plans. Palestine, Eastern, Survey of, Memoirs, vol. 1. Parish Registers of the following places:—Calverley, Edburton, Gainford, and Ulverston. Proposals made by the Rev. James Kirkwood (minister of Minto) in A.D. 1699, to found Public Libraries in Scotland; reprinted, verbatim et literatim, from the rare copy in the Free Public Library, Wigan; with Introductory Remarks, by Blades (privately printed, 1889). Rankine's Manual of Civil Engineering, 17th edition, 1889. Reiff's Parallel Dictionaries of Russian, French, German, and English, 4 vols. Ripper's Machine Drawing and Design. Roosevelt's Winning of the West, 2 vols. Roscoe and Schorlemmer's Chemistry, vol. 3, part 5. Royal Society, Proceedings of the, vols. 45-46. Royal Society, Transactions of the, vols. 174-179. Sacred Books of the East, vols. 33-34. Sand's Directory and Gazetteer of New South Wales, 1889-90. Scafe's Poems, in 4 parts (only 6 copies printed), Alnwick, 1815. Scherzer's Voyage of the "Novara." Scotland, Exchequer Rolls of, vols. 5-12. Seaton's Manual of Marine Engineering, 8th edition. Shakespeare Quarto Facsimiles, Nos. 37 and 43. Shaler's Aspects of the Earth. Sharpe's List of the Knights and Burgesses who have represented the County and City of Durham in Parliament, 2nd edition, with

the rare Caricature "a Northern Ass." Skinner's Mining Manual for A.D. 1888. Smith's Choir Gaur. Smith's Monograms. Societies, Publications of the following:—Ballad, 1 vol.; Browning, 2 vols.; Early English Text, 6 vols.; Haklyut, 2 vols.; Index, 1 vol.; London Society of Antiquaries, 2 vols.; New Spalding Club, 1 vol.; Newcastle-upon-Tyne Society of Antiquaries, 3 vols.; Palæontographical, 1 vol.; Pipe Roll, 1 vol.; Shelley, 2 vols.; Statistical, 1 vol.; Surtees, 3 vols. State Trials, *New Series;* edited by Macdonell, vol. 2. Statutes, Chronological Table and Index of the, 10th edition, 1887. Summer's History of Sunderland. Taylor's Etruscan Researches. Thorpe's Dictionary of Applied Chemistry, vol. 1. *Times* for January, A.D. 1882, to December, A.D. 1887, 24 vols. *Times,* Indices to the, October, A.D. 1845, to January, A.D. 1847, and A.D. 1889, 10 vols. Tuttle's History of Prussia, 3 vols. Upcott's Bibliographical Account of the Principal Works relating to English Topography, 3 vols. Warne's Ancient Dorset. Warner's Civil War and Rebellion in Ireland, A.D. 1767. Warren's Machine Construction and Drawing, 2 vols. Washington (President George) Complete Works of; edited by Ford, vols. 2-4. Watson and Burbury's Electricity and Magnetism, 2 vols. Watts' Dictionary of Chemistry, new edition, vol. 2. Wharton's Law Lexicon. Wills proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting, London, Calendar of, part 1, A.D. 1258-1358. Witham's Steam Engine Design. Woolley's Descriptive Geometry; with 4to. Atlas of Plates.

Nine volumes only are now required to place the Reference Library in the same condition, as to stock, as it existed prior to the disastrous fire of November, 1884, viz.:—Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur;" edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols. post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," 2 vols. 4to., 1844. Guarino (C. G.) Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus, folio, 1671. Naval Architecture: a Collection of miscellaneous papers. Santvoord's Lives of the Chief Justices of the United States, demy 8vo., New York, 1854. The Committee being anxious to secure copies of the foregoing works for replacement, will be glad to receive offers from persons who may possess them.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The total stock in this collection now amounts to 4,393 volumes, one volume having been received during the year as a donation from J. Henry Ingledew, Esq., viz.:—A copy of the first edition of the "Poetick

Miscellanies of Mr. John Rawlet, B.D., and late Lecturer of St. Nicholas Church in the Town and County of New-Castle-upon-Tine," Cr. 8vo., 1687, no copy of this work being previously contained in the Thomlinson Collection.

Up to the present time 1,383 volumes have been re-bound, stamped, labelled, and checked with the printed catalogue of 1829, 667 volumes are at the present time in the hands of the binders, and 381 volumes have been placed upon the shelves, as in the opinion of your Librarian not requiring to be rebound, thus leaving 1,962 volumes to be dealt with.

In the earlier stages the work of re-binding this collection was entrusted to the well-known firms of Messrs. Andrew Reid, Sons, & Co. and Mr. T. W. Waters of this city; but so difficult has been the work, and so slow the process of renovation, that your Committee, early this year, acting upon the advice of their Librarian, made arrangements (with the consent of the other binders, and upon the same terms) for Mr. William Moncur of Clayton Street to undertake a part of the work, and it is now somewhat confidently believed that, with this additional assistance, the whole of the binding will be completed during the current Library year.

During the year two official visits have been paid to this Library—(1) by the Venerable Hans Hamilton, D.D., Archdeacon of Northumberland, one of the Thomlinson Trustees, and (2) by the Rev. Edward Barry Hicks, B.A., the Thomlinson Librarian. Both gentlemen expressed themselves as satisfied with the work that had been accomplished, and the manner in which the Library was being restored for public use.

CONFERENCES.

The Forty-first Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held at Newburn-on-Tyne, on August 5th, 1889, under the presidency of John Watson Spencer, Esq., who delivered a valuable, seasonable, and interesting address. The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Libraries Committee was represented on the occasion by Councillors Carse, Flowers, and Harkus.

Mr. Carse reported on the work and continued progress of the Newcastle Library, and other delegates present gave interesting particulars as to the institutions under their charge. A valuable paper was read by Mr. Herbert T. Bloor on "Elementary Instruction Rationally Considered." Visits were paid to Newburn Church, and the world-famed Steel Works of Messrs. Spencer & Sons, and the Conference concluded with a dinner given by the President. The next meeting was fixed for Jarrow.

The Twelfth Annual Conference of the Library Association of the United Kingdom was held at the Library of Gray's Inn, London, from October 2 to 4 inclusive. A thoroughly practical address was delivered by the President, Mr. Chancellor Christie, on "The Work and Aims of the Library Association." The following papers were also read, viz.:—"Library Progress," "Some Hints on the Future of Free Libraries," "The Free Library Movement in London," "Library Indicators," "Free Libraries and Technical Education," "An East End Free Library," "Fiction in Public Libraries," "Some Colophons of the Early Printers," "Certain Modern Shakespeariana," and "The Extent of Modern Shorthand Literature."

Interesting visits were paid to the Mercers' Hall, Merchant Taylors' Hall, Stationers' Hall, and the British Museum. The members of the Association were also entertained with true civic hospitality by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, at the Mansion House. The next meeting will be held at Reading.

DONATIONS.

1,009 volumes have been received during the year as donations to the Library. Among the chief contributors special attention may, with propriety, be called to the following, viz.:—The Trustees of the British Museum—special grant of Duplicate Books, amounting to 417 volumes. John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Esq., J.P., 14 volumes in continuation of his late uncle's bequest, and 67 volumes from Mr. Councillor Walter Scott in continuation of the "Walter Scott Library;" the other chief donors being, Mr. Alderman Barkas, F.G.S. Rev. J. R. Boyle, F.S.A. The British and Foreign Bible Society. The British Association for the Advancement of Science. Sir Benjamin Chapman Browne, D.C.L. Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co. The Cobden Club. Cuthbert Collingwood, Esq., M.A., M.B., F.G.S. The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The Council of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders. The Governments of Canada, New South Wales, Queensland, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Victoria. Messrs. Jay & Co. Messrs. Lambert & Co., Limited. Her Grace Eleanor, Duchess Dowager of Northumberland. John Philipson, Esq., J.P. The Royal Society of London. The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S. America. Mr. Alderman Stephens, J.P. Charles Holland Warne, Esq. Robert Spence Watson, Esq., LL.D., F.R.G.S. Miss Hildegard Werner, and the Right Hon. Sir James Whitehead, Bart., ex-Lord Mayor of London. (For fuller particulars *see* pages 31–34).

Since the adoption of the "Public Libraries Act," the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library has received as donations (exclusive of the Thomlinson Library) 11,325 volumes

THE RIDDELL LIBRARY.

This collection has been specially shelved in the Committee Room at the west end of the Reference Library, and labelled "The Riddell Library." It now contains 910 volumes, 14 having been added during the year by John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Esq., J.P., of Whitefield House, Rothbury, in continuation of the bequest made by his late uncle, Henry Philip Archibald Buchanan Riddell, Esq., C.S.I., and J.P., and special attention may be called to the following, viz.:—Alexander's "Travels from India to England," 4to. Daniell's "Oriental Scenery, and Hindoo Excavations in the Mountain of Ellora," 6 vols. in 3, demy folio. Fitzclarence's "Journey of a Route Across India," 4to. Staunton's "Embassy to China," Atlas of Plates to, folio; together with the current year's issues of the following serials as published, viz.:—"Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal." "Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal." "Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain."

THE WALTER SCOTT LIBRARY.

This collection has also been specially shelved in the Committee Room, and labelled "The Walter Scott Library." It now consists of 437 volumes, 67 having been added during the year, chiefly in continuation of series, viz.:—"Camelot Classics," 11 vols., "Canterbury Poets," 5 vols., "Contemporary Science," 6 vols., "Elswick Science Series," 1 vol., "Great Writers," 6 vols., "Novocastrian Novels," 4 vols., "Oxford Library," 5 vols., Count Tolstoï's Works, 11 vols., Wilson's "Tales of the Borders," vols. 19-24, completing the work.

BRITISH MUSEUM DUPLICATES.

On December 7th, 1889, your Librarian received a communication from E. Maunde Thompson, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., principal Librarian of the British Museum, to the effect that his application of September 21st had been acceded to by the Trustees, and suggesting that the Committee should send a representative to London to examine the Duplicate Books and to make a selection therefrom. The grant was made on the following conditions, viz.:—(1) That all books selected should be retained. (2) The removal of the books should be at the expense of the Library receiving the grant. (3) The donation to be suitably

acknowledged. (4) A list of the books acquired to be given to the Museum Authorities. (5) That the packing cases, provided by the Museum Authorities, be returned to the Museum, carriage paid.

Your Librarian proceeded to London on Monday, January 6th, and remained in town four days, during which time he carefully went through the collection of duplicates, and selected as suitable for the Public Libraries of Newcastle 416 volumes, and 8 pamphlets, or 417 volumes. As a rule these books are in fair condition, and in some cases in good, sound, library bindings. The following is an analysis of the grant:—Works in French, 20 vols., in German, 4 vols., in Greek, 1 vol., in Greek and Latin, 2 vols., in Illyrian (Austro-Hungarian), 1 vol., in Italian, 1 vol., in Latin, 5 vols., in Manx, 1 vol. Works suitable for addition to the Juvenile Library, 30 vols. Works locally printed, viz.:—Carlisle, Newcastle, Scarborough, and York, 7 vols., and Works in General Literature (all English) 345 vols. The final distribution of these duplicates has been as follows:—placed in Reference Library 233, Lending Library 154, and Juvenile Department 30.

COLLECTION OF LOCALLY PRINTED BOOKS.

Ever since the formation of the Library your Committee have kept steadily in view the desirability of collecting copies of all books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts, etc., relating to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and the Northern Counties generally, whether dealing with its History, Topography, Natural History, Dialects, Folk-Lore, etc., as well as works written by North Country authors, and locally printed publications. So persistent has been the pursuit of this object by the Committee, that the Library already possesses over 3,000 volumes, and quite as many pamphlets of this nature.

Your Committee were fortunate enough to be able to make some very considerable additions to this collection from the sale of the library of the late T. W. U. Robinson, Esq., of Hardwick Hall, in the County of Durham, which was dispersed at Messrs. R. and W. Mack's Sale Rooms, in this City, on February 24th to 28th inclusive.

Speaking of the literary activity of Newcastle it has been appropriately said, "perhaps no provincial town has a more splendid literary history, and the early part of this century may well be termed its golden age." Your Committee hope to be able in time to gather up and garner all and everything which properly belongs to the Bibliography of the Northern Counties, and it has been thought a fitting opportunity to

call public attention to a few representative publications of this class which have recently been added to the Library, viz.:—"Lawes and Ordinances of Warre, for the better Government of His Maiesties Army Royall, in the present Expedition for the Northern parts, and safety of the Kingdome. Under the Conduct of his Excellence, the Right Honourable Thomas, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshall of England, etc., and Generall of His Majesties Forces," Cr. 4to., Imprinted at Newcastle, by Robert Barker, Printer to the Kings most Excellent Majestie: and by the assignes of John Bill, 1639 (probably the earliest known publication printed at Newcastle-upon-Tyne). "Sermon preached before the Kings most Excellent Majestie, in the Cathedrall Church of Durham, upon Sunday, being the fifth day of May, 1639. By the Right Reverend Father in God, Thomas (Morton) Lord Bishop of Duresme: published by his Majesties speciall command," Cr. 4to., Imprinted at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by Robert Barker, Printer to the Kings most Excellent Majestie: and by the assignes of John Bill, 1639. Gray (William) "Chorographia; or, a Survey of Newcastle upon Tine," etc., Cr. 4to., Newcastle, printed by S. B. (Stephen Bulkley), 1649 (the first printed History of our City). Shaw (Rev. John, Rector of Whalton, and preacher at St. John's Church, Newcastle-upon-Tyne), "The Pourtraicture of the Primitive Saints in their actings and sufferings, according to St. Paul's Canon and Catalogue, Hebrews xi.," Cr. 4to., Newcastle, printed by S. B., 1652. "The Kings Possessions: Written by His Majesties own Hand; annexed by way of Notes, to a Letter sent to the Ecclesiasticall Assembly at London: in Answer to a Letter sent from them," Cr. 4to., Newcastle, printed by Stephen Bulkley, Printer to the Kings Majesty, 1647. Jennison (Dr. Robert) "The Faithfull Depositary of Sound Doctrine and Ancient Truths: maintained against all Oppositions of Science, falsely so called; and against the prophane and vaine Bablings of unsound Teachers," Cr. 4to., Newcastle, printed by S. B., 1649. "A Declaration of the Army of England, upon their march into Scotland: Signed in the Name, and by the Appointment of his Excellency, the Lord Generall Cromwell, and his Councell of Officers—Jo. Rushworth, Secretary," Cr. 4to., Newcastle, printed by S. B., 1650. "A False Jew; or, a wonderfull Discovery of a Scot, Baptized at London for a Christian, Circumcised at Rome to act a Jew, re-baptized at Hexham for a Believer, but found out at Newcastle to be a Cheat," Cr. 4to., printed for William London, Bookseller in Newcastle, 1653. "The Quakers Shaken; or, a Fire-brand snatch'd out of the Fire: being a briefe Relation of Gods

wonderfull Mercy extended to John Gilpin of Kendale in Westmoreland, who (as will appeare by the Sequel) was not onely deluded by the Quakers, but also possessed by the Devill : If any question the Truth of this Story, the Relator himselfe is ready to avouch it, and much more," Cr. 4to., Gateside, printed by S. B., and are to sould by Will : London, Book seller in Newcastle, 1653. "A Conference between Two Souldiers Meeting on the Roade, the one being of the Army in England, the other of the Army in Scotland ; as the one was coming from London, the other from Edinbrough," Cr. 4to., printed at Newcastle in the year 1659. "A Sermon preached before the Right Worshipful the Mayor of the Town and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Sir William Creagh), on the 29th of January, 168⅞ : being the day of Thanksgiving at the Catholic Chappel. By Phil. Metcalfe, P. of the Society of Jesus; with allowance," Cr. 4to., 1688.

MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, was held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on September 11 to 19, inclusive, under the Presidency of Professor William Henry Flower, C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.S.S., Pres. Z.S., F.L.S., F.G.S., Director of the Natural History Department of the British Museum, South Kensington. The meeting generally was a great success. It was the third occasion upon which the Association had met in Newcastle, viz., 1838, 1863, and again in 1889.

The Public Libraries Committee at an early stage of the preliminary arrangements offered to the Local Committee the use of Rooms, etc., and as a result Section H.—Anthropology, under the Presidency of Sir William Turner, M.B., LL.D., F.R.S., London and Edinburgh, held its meetings in the Rooms of the Public Library, as well as having within the building an Anthropometric Laboratory.

Some very interesting and valuable papers were read before this Section, particular mention may be made of the following, viz.:—"Hypothesis of a European Origin of Early Egyptian Art." By Rev. J. Wilson, M.A. "African Airs and Musical Instruments." By His Excellency Alfred Maloney, C.M.G., Governor of Lagos, West Africa. "The Vikings, the Direct Ancestors of the English-speaking Nations." By Paul B. Du Chaillu. "Further Researches as to the Origin of the Aryans." By Canon Isaac Taylor, Litt. D., LL.D. "Some former Customs and Beliefs of the Torres Straits Islanders." By Professor A. C. Haddon, M.A., M.R.I.A. "The Study of Ethnology in India."

By H. H. Risley. "Observations on the Natural Colour of the Skin in certain Oriental Races." By Dr. Beddoe, F.R.S., President of the Anthropological Institute. "Normal Temperature of the Sudanese, Negroes, and Europeans in Tropical Africa." By R. W. Felkin, M.D., F.R.S.E. "The Esquimaux." By Dr. Fridtjof Nansen. "Northumberland in Prehistoric Times." By Rev. G. Rome Hall, F.S.A. "The Origin of Human Faculty." By Professor G. J. Romanes, F.R.S. "Relations between Brain-Functions and Human Character." By Bernard Hollander, of Vienna.

During the meeting of the Association the whole of the Library premises were thrown open free for the use of the members, associates, and delegates, and that the Reference Library was much used by the visitors is evidenced by the considerable increase in the works consulted during that period.

In consequence of this meeting a considerable number of valuable and interesting autographs of distinguished *savants* have been inscribed in our "Visitors' Book."

At the concluding meeting held in St. George's Hall, on Wednesday, September 18th, a cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of Professor A. W. Rücker, M.A., F.R.S., seconded by Dr. J. H. Gladstone, was awarded to the Public Libraries Committee for the valuable assistance rendered to the Association, and Dr. Gladstone in his remarks stated that the "Public Library of Newcastle-upon-Tyne was one of the finest institutions of its kind in the kingdom, and was made a model for Libraries all over the world."

DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

During the year your Committee have had the misfortune of losing two of their colleagues by death, viz.:—Mr. Alderman John Dobson, and Dr. John Hunter Rutherford. Mr. Alderman Dobson was appointed a member of the Libraries Committee on May 25th, 1887, and continued to serve thereon until his death on January 16th, 1890. Dr. John Hunter Rutherford was one of the earliest friends of the movement for the establishment of Public Libraries in this City, and took a prominent part in the long sustained agitation for the adoption of the Acts. He was appointed a member of the Committee on November 9th, 1888, and continued to serve until his sudden and universally regretted death, on March 21st, 1890.

ELECTRIC LIGHT INSTALLATION.

For several years past your Committee have had under their consideration the introduction of the electric light in place of gas as an illuminant. It has been made quite evident to the Committee that the leather bindings of the books, more particularly on the higher shelves of the Library, as well as the decorations of the Institution have very materially suffered from the fumes produced by the combustion of coal gas, and now as two Electric Light Companies have been established in the City, who are prepared to supply the electricity required, at a reasonable advance on the price of gas, your Committee are persuaded that for the best interests of the contents of the Library, as well as those of the Staff, and the Readers generally, electricity should be introduced in preference to gas. They have therefore decided to adopt electricity as an illuminant, and to ensure the work being done in a manner worthy of so important a public Institution as the Public Library, the services of Mr. A. W. Heaviside have been secured as an expert, and that gentleman in conjunction with Mr. W. G. Laws, City Engineer, has prepared a complete Specification for the lighting of the Institution, and upon it your Committee have decided to ask for tenders for the completion of the work.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

Your Committee would again acknowledge their high sense of the value of the services of their accomplished Principal Librarian, and his excellent staff. It is a gratifying fact that the Newcastle Public Library has become a recognised school for young men who desire to make the duties of Librarianship their vocation in life. No fewer than seven of our Principal Librarian's assistants have obtained the position of chief, and three of chief assistant librarians in important Public Libraries in England.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,
CHAIRMAN.

TOWN HALL, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
May 30th, 1890.

Presented to the City Council,
June 4th, 1890.

Adopted by the City Council,
July 2nd, 1890.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1889		31,498	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1890:—			
By Gift	227		
By Purchase	935		
By Transfer from Reference to Lending Library ...	17	1,179	
		32,677	
Less—1 volume transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library, and 6 volumes of works in 3 volumes having been replaced by 1 volume editions		7	
Total Stock in Lending Library			32,670

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1889		32,411	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1890:—			
By Gift, including "Specifications for Patents of Inventions, and other Publications of the Patent Office," "The Riddell Library," and "The Walter Scott Library"	782		
By Purchase	1,131		
By Transfer from Lending to Reference Library ...	1	1,914	
		34,325	
Less—Volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works		17	
		34,308	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		9	
Total Stock in Reference Library			34,299

TOTAL STOCK.

Total stock of volumes in both Departments from all sources:—			
From Mechanics' Institute Library		2,003	
By Gift, including 3,822 volumes of "Patent Specifications and Abstracts," 910 volumes of "The Riddell Library," and 437 volumes of "The Walter Scott Library"		11,325	
Thomlinson Library at date of transfer	4,365		
Do. recovered since transfer	23		
Do. donations received since transfer ...	5		
		4,393	
By Purchase		49,263	
		66,984	
Less—6 volumes of works in 3 volumes having been replaced by 1 volume editions		6	
		66,978	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		9	
Total Stock			66,969

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,471	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels (* 1) ...	7,586	
C.—Science, and Natural History	2,955	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities...	1,379	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	1,011	
F.—Philology, and Education	408	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,487	
H.—Prose Fiction (* 6)	8,129	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	4,689	
K.—Juvenile Literature	2,562	
	32,677	
**Less*—1 volume transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library, and 6 volumes of works in 3 volumes having been replaced by 1 volume editions	7	
Total Stock in Lending Libraries		32,670

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,002	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels	4,798	
C.—Science, and Natural History (* 17)	2,514	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities (* 6)	2,443	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	2,608	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias (* 2)	2,286	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,141	
H.—Prose Fiction	538	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature; including The Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies (* 1)	7,780	
	26,110	
Publications of the Patent Office, etc.	3,822	
Thomlinson Library	4,393	
	34,325	
**Less*—17 volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works; and 9 volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies...	26	
Total Stock in Reference Library		34,299
Total Stock in both Departments... ...		66,969

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880

14,926 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

428 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

62 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

2,219 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past re-binding, and have been replaced by the Committee.

15 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace can be found.

20 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Ainsworth's Star Chamber. Austen's Mansfield Park. Besant and Rice's Seamy Side. Besant and Rice's Ten Years' Tenant. Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Fitzgerald's Recreations of a Literary Man, 2 vols. Gosman's Seven Days in London. Habberton's Barton Experiment. James' Arabella Stuart. Leahy's Art of Swimming in the Eton style. Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome. MacDonald's Stephen Archer. Military Life, Tales of, vol. i. Mitchell's Bainbridge Holme, 2 vols. Mulock's My Mother and I. Sadler's Flag Lieutenant. Starling's Noble Deeds of Women. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin; edited by Crowe.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1889, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1890.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1889.													
March 26th, to 31st	84	132	242	54	72	39	85	1,669	247	817	3,441	5	688
April	497	920	1,132	398	279	304	414	10,080	1,370	3,820	19,214	22	873
May	756	1,157	1,100	545	416	468	724	11,474	1,732	4,330	22,702	24	946
June*	392	683	453	259	169	159	337	5,808	934	2,209	11,403	17	671
July	671	1,153	1,074	371	310	395	730	10,774	1,331	3,976	20,785	22	945
August	1,007	1,231	1,543	629	476	437	692	11,469	1,459	4,266	23,209	24	967
September...	624	1,271	1,237	407	391	349	581	11,000	1,544	3,653	21,057	23	916
October	557	1,755	1,383	693	377	282	817	11,635	1,947	4,267	23,713	24	988
November...	650	2,019	1,492	679	409	371	664	12,231	2,327	4,527	25,369	24	1,057
December	534	2,257	912	366	276	239	385	11,749	2,092	3,827	22,637	23	984
1890.													
January	563	2,074	668	390	354	326	335	12,190	2,173	3,242	22,315	23	970
February	614	2,505	509	452	391	362	336	12,068	2,488	3,730	23,455	22	1,066
March 1st, to 25th	533	2,409	516	473	432	482	494	10,696	2,459	3,645	22,139	20	1,107
Total Issue in each Class ...	7,482	19,566	12,261	5,716	4,352	4,213	6,594	132,843	22,193	46,309	261,439	273	958
Class Percentage of entire Issue	2·86	7·48	4·69	2·19	1·67	1·61	2·52	50·81	8·46	17·71	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	27	72	45	21	16	15	24	487	81	170	958		
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	2,471	7,585	2,955	1,379	1,011	408	1,487	8,123	4,689	2,562	32,670		
Turn Over	3·03	2·58	4·15	4·15	4·30	10·33	4·43	16·35	4·71	18·08	8·00		

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1·0 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 24th, to and including July 3rd, 1889, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issue in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issue.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,508	2	8,513	45,676	385,326	8·44	17,765	296,489	16·69	76·94
2	Birmingham	1861	400,774	5	19,742	59,849	530,900	8·87	22,061	347,458	15·75	65·44
3	Manchester	1852	341,414	6	41,863	104,842	740,949	7·07	29,217	540,719	18·51	72·97
4	Leeds	1870	309,119	26	21,930	119,853	692,684	5·78	48,351	392,729	8·12	56·69
5	Sheffield	1856	284,508	5	16,669	78,771	417,850	5·30	18,681	271,002	14·51	64·85
6	Bristol	1876	206,874	6	18,654	58,769	416,418	7·09	20,676	256,681	12·41	61·64
7	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,359	1	9,901	32,670	261,439	8·00	8,123	132,843	16·35	50·81
8	Leicester	1871	122,376	3	8,757	23,870	240,222	10·11	8,681	137,781	15·87	57·35
9	Sunderland	1860	116,548	1	2,822	14,732	106,996	7·26	5,525*	90,991*	16·47	85·04
10	Preston	1879	96,537	1	15,008	16,315	96,082	5·89	3,602*	63,875*	17·73	66·48
11	Norwich	1857	87,842	1	3,863	12,606	96,102	7·62	3,751	73,092	19·49	76·06
12	Wolverhampton	1869	75,766	1	2,000	25,012	65,674	2·63	7,451	48,311	6·48	73·56
13	Rochdale	1872	68,866	1	6,550	29,704	138,372	4·66	11,908*	111,869*	9·39	80·84

* Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 7th in Population, 7th in Stock, 4th in Turn Over, 7th in number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction is lower than in any of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Actresses		2
Artists		3
Assistants		18
Bookbinders		2
Cashiers...		10
Cooks, and Confectioners ...	1	6
Domestic Servants		41
Dress, and Mantle Makers ...	7	143
Governesses	2	14
Grocers	2	1
Hosiers		9
House-Keepers...	3	21
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmaids		6
Lodging-House Keepers ...	5	
Machinists		13
Manageresses	1	6
Matrons	1	6
Milliners	1	22
Carried forward ...	23	323

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	23	323
Nurses		17
Pawnbrokers	2	
Professors of Music		8
Pupil Teachers		44
Saleswomen		25
Scholars...		136
Schoolmistresses	4	37
Seamstresses	3	
Shopkeepers	3	7
Teachers		88
Telegraphists		6
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	1	2
Upholstresses		5
Waitresses		8
No Occupation stated	124	2,335
Total ...	160	3,041

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	40	20
Actor		1
Actuary	1	
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc.	71	75
Apprentices		154
Architects	15	14
Artists	9	13
Assistants, Shop		84
Auctioneers	4	1
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	9	19
Barristers	1	1
Basket, and Box Makers ...	2	1
Bell Hangers	2	1
Belt Makers	2	3
Billiard Markers		2
Block, and Mast Makers ...	3	
Boat Builders...	3	1
Boiler Makers	18	1
Bookbinders	9	12
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	19	10
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	22	20
Bottlers...	2	2
Brass Finishers	14	17
Brewers	6	2
Bricklayers	19	10
Brick Makers		2
Brokers	9	2
Brush Makers	3	7
Builders, and Contractors ...	42	3
Carried forward ...	325	478

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	325	478
Butchers	21	21
Cab Proprietor	1	
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	34	29
Caretakers, and Janitors ...	2	6
Carpet Planners	1	3
Cartmen...	12	10
Cartwrights	4	1
Carvers, and Gilders	7	11
Cashiers...	25	10
Checkers		2
Chemists, Analytical	3	6
Chemists, and Druggists ...	17	16
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	22	32
Clerks	97	758
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	10	12
Coachmen, and Grooms ...	2	4
Collectors	11	1
Commercial Travellers ...	61	47
Consuls, and Vice-Consuls ...	1	2
Cooks	1	1
Coopers	11	2
Cork Cutter	1	
Cover Makers		3
Cutlers	1	3
Dairymen	5	2
Dentists...	6	5
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons... ...	16	23
Carried forward ...	697	1,488

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	697	1,488
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	61	112
Draughtsmen	20	40
Drillers	2	3
Drysalters	2	
Dyers	5	3
Electricians	4	10
Elocutionists	1	2
Engine Drivers	8	3
Engineers	66	143
Engineers, Civil	9	5
Engineers, Consulting... ...	3	2
Enginemen	3	5
Engravers, and Embossers ...	1	4
Errand Boys		86
Farmers...	2	4
Fellmonger		1
File Cutter		1
Firemen...	6	14
Fishmongers	4	1
Fitters	37	91
Foremen	17	5
French Polisher		1
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	7	9
Furniture-Brokers	1	1
Furriers...	3	1
Fuse Maker		1
Gardeners	4	8
Gas Inspectors	8	2
General Dealer		1
Glass Painters, and Stainers ...	4	3
Gold Beater	1	
Goldsmiths	4	2
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	62	64
Gun Maker		1
Hairdressers, and Perfumers ...	7	24
Hatters	5	2
Hawkers	2	2
Inspectors, and Superintendents		4
Iron Founders	2	5
Ironmongers	14	9
Japanner		1
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	13	21
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	61	94
Journalists	7	15
Labourers	32	46
Lamp Lighter		1
Lath Renders	1	2
Law Writers		2
Lead Workers	3	1
Leather Dressers	4	1
Librarians	1	8
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	19	15
Lithographers	2	5
Machinists	18	24
Managers	17	23
Manufacturers	25	9
Masons	24	13
Master Mariners	10	3
Mechanics	1	10
Carried forward ...	1,310	2,457

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,310	2,457
Medical Students		28
Merchants	92	26
Messengers	2	22
Metal Cleaners	1	1
Millers	5	6
Millwrights	3	3
Miners	9	4
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	19	33
Museum Keepers	1	1
Musicians	10	8
Nail Maker	1	
Newspaper Despatchers ...	1	3
Officers, Military	3	2
— Naval	1	1
Officer of H.M. Civil Service ...	1	
Officers of H.M. Customs ...	4	10
Officers of H.M. Inland Revenue	3	6
Opticians	3	2
Organ Builder	1	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, etc.	38	56
Paviours...		2
Pawnbrokers	6	4
Pensioners, Army		2
Photographers	7	10
Pilot	1	
Plasterers	10	
Platelayers	2	
Platers	3	12
Plumbers	16	37
Police Officers	13	7
Porters	16	20
Post-office Officials	9	41
Potters	3	4
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	62	63
Professors of Music	9	3
Publishers	2	
Pupil Teachers		32
Quarrymen	4	1
Railway Employees	33	21
Registrars	4	
Relieving Officer	1	
Restaurant Keepers	2	
Rivetters	10	8
Rope Makers	4	2
Saddlers...	5	5
Sailors	2	
Salesmen	14	23
Sawyers	5	2
Scholars		572
School Board Officers	5	2
School Inspectors	4	
Schoolmasters	10	25
Sculptor	1	
Secretaries	3	4
Ship Brokers	10	3
Ship Builder		1
Ship Owners	6	
Shipwrights	12	4
Shopkeepers	15	5
Carried forward ...	1,817	3,584

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,817	3,584
Shorthand Writers		4
Slaters	1	2
Smiths	29	50
Solicitors	17	8
Stevedores	3	3
Store, and Time Keepers ...	14	1
Students		52
Surveyors	8	11
Sweeps	2	1
Tailors, and Cutters	52	28
Tanners, and Curriers	6	5
Teachers	19	46
Telegraphists	13	52
Ticket-Writers		2
Tobacconists	10	11
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers...	4	3
Carried forward ...	1,995	3,863

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,995	3,863
Treasurer, City...	1	
Turners	20	22
Underwriters	2	
Verger	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	3	
Waiters	7	7
Warehousemen	25	41
Watermen	3	3
Wharfingers	1	2
Wheelwrights	2	3
Wherry Owner...	1	
Wire-Workers	3	4
No Occupation stated	91	600
Total Males	2,155	4,545
Total Females	160	3,041
	2,315	7,586
	9,901	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	1,140	394
From 15 to 20	1,661	962
From 21 to 30	1,170	818
From 31 to 40	268	313
Carried forward ...	4,239	2,487

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	4,239	2,487
From 41 to 50	99	151
From 51 to 60	58	44
From 61 to 80	34	42
Ages not stated	79	356
Total	4,509	3,080
	7,589	

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas' ...	54	138	192
St. John's	36	177	213
St. Andrew's North...	228	1,135	1,363
St. Andrew's South...	71	263	334
All Saints' East ...	256	1,089	1,345
All Saints' West ...	120	113	233
Westgate	354	1,193	1,547
Carried forward	1,119	4,108	5,227

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	1,119	4,108	5,227
Elswick	642	1,644	2,286
Jesmond	154	632	786
Byker	38	256	294
Heaton	334	949	1,283
Non-resident Freemen	25	—	25
Total	2,312	7,589	9,901

TABLE IX.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY, DURING TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 25TH, 1890, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE OF ISSUE, THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN STOCK, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Patent Specifications.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1889.													
March 26th, to 31st	20	38	47	141	114	161	8	4	85	51	669	5	134
April	113	300	368	656	559	378	167	25	696	312	3,574	24	149
May	77	215	323	653	670	476	336	34	882	198	3,864	27	143
June*	82	132	175	399	419	196	46	17	310	114	1,890	19	99
July	102	337	327	566	626	339	89	29	362	508	3.285	24	137
August	72	264	315	595	624	273	44	64	436	354	3,041	26	117
September	82	361	477	567	600	259	204	30	485	265	3.330	25	133
October	152	491	505	468	677	466	431	47	694	786	4.717	27	175
November	143	298	456	518	607	475	552	31	817	416	4.313	26	166
December	155	201	277	293	623	238	160	25	628	534	3,134	24	130
1890.													
January	193	227	384	490	670	388	108	26	508	185	3.179	25	127
February	126	223	393	353	686	428	110	20	459	89	2,887	24	120
March 1st. to 25th	179	179	406	292	544	354	56	6	283	243	2542	21	121
Total Issue in each Class ...	1,496	3,266	4,453	5,991	7,419	4,431	2,311	358	6,645	4.055	40,425	297	136
Class Percentage of entire Issue..	3·70	8·08	11·01	14·82	18·35	10·96	5·72	0:89	16·44	10·03	100·00	...	...
Daily Average in each Class ...	5	11	15	20	25	15	8	1	22	14	136	...	...
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	2,002	4,783	2,509	2,441	2.607	2,284	1,141	538	7.779	3,822	29,906†	...	...
Turn Over	0·75	0·68	1·77	2·45	2·85	1·94	2·03	0·67	0·85	1·06	1·35	...	...

* Library closed from June 24th, to and including July 3rd, 1889, for Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.
† Exclusive of the Thomlinson Library, (4,393).

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	59	184
Actors, and Actresses	13	78
Agents	159	352
Analysts...	26	81
Apprentices	145	389
Architects	72	356
— Naval	38	165
Artists	168	529
Assistants, Shop	18	54
Auctioneers	4	32
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	6	18
Bankers...	4	11
Barristers	6	21
Belt Makers	3	3
Blacksmiths	3	3
Boilersmiths	6	23
Bookbinders	19	35
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	61	173
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	14	37
Brass Workers	8	24
Bricklayers	11	37
Brokers	4	26
Builders, and Contractors ...	17	58
Butchers	5	16
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	38	53
Canvassers, and Collectors ...	6	7
Cartmen	2	3
Cartwright	1	4
Carvers, and Gilders	28	70
Cashiers	15	50
Checkers	49	83
Chemists, and Druggists ...	141	547
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	131	711
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	900	1,866
Clerks of Works	16	60
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	14	52
Commercial Travellers ...	113	240
Consuls, Vice	12	93
Curriers, and Tanners... ...	8	22
Cutler	1	3
Dentists	2	2
Designers, and Carpet Planners	23	142
Drapers...	73	158
Draughtsmen	234	521
Dressmakers	5	7
Drillers	3	9
Drysalters	2	3
Dyers	7	11
Elocutionists	3	3
Engineers	570	2,179
Carried forward ...	3,266	9,604

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	3,266	9,604
Engineers, Agricultural ...	4	16
— Civil	55	153
— Electrical	34	101
— Marine	4	5
— Mechanical	13	174
— Mining	2	10
Engravers	6	13
Farmers	3	4
Firemen...	4	4
Fitters, and Turners	175	321
Foremen	4	7
Fruiterers, and Seedsmen ...	6	12
Gardeners	7	8
General Dealers	6	14
Glass Cutters	14	46
Glass Painters, and Stainers ...	3	5
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	16	42
Hairdressers, and Perfumers ...	4	7
Hatters	6	31
Hawker...	1	1
Inspectors, and Superintendents	16	24
Ironfounders	19	72
Ironmongers	15	40
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	9	80
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	136	353
Journalists, and Reporters ...	95	520
Labourers	90	159
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Managers	19	30
Manufacturers	13	52
Masons	18	64
Mechanics	21	26
Medical Students	56	123
Merchants	65	313
Miners	63	182
Moulders, and Pattern-Makers	15	33
Musicians	17	39
Officers, Military	5	28
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	4	15
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Overseers	2	3
Painters, and Decorators ...	30	45
Paper Stainer	1	4
Pawnbrokers	4	12
Photographers	7	7
Carried forward ...	4,426	13,129

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	4,426	13,129
Plasterer	1	5
Platers	10	12
Plumbers	19	29
Policemen	2	2
Porters	4	5
Post-office Officials	5	8
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	141	421
Professors of Music	8	27
Rivetters	6	9
Rope Makers	3	5
Saddlers	4	7
Sailmakers	4	55
Sailors	18	32
Salesmen	21	42
Sawyers	3	7
School Attendance Officers ...	7	53
Schoolmasters, and Schoolmistresses	77	230
Secretaries	9	12
Carried forward ...	4,768	14,090

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	4,768	14,090
Shipwrights	2	2
Shorthand Writer	1	1
Smiths	24	36
Soldiers	4	26
Solicitors	29	70
Steward	1	1
Store, and Time Keepers ...	10	44
Students	152	387
Surgeons	51	195
Surveyors	15	30
Tailors, and Cutters	37	62
Teachers	33	851
Telegraphists	23	50
Tinsmith	1	1
Tobacconists	2	9
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers...	16	44
Underwriter	1	1
Warehousemen	9	14
Weighmen	6	6
No Occupation stated... ...	4,379	24,505
Total	9.564	40,425

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	1,531	3,403
From 21 to 30	2,475	5,599
From 31 to 40	717	2,097
From 41 to 50	376	1,612
Carried forward	5,099	12,711

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols consulted.
Brought forward	5,099	12,711
From 51 to 60	105	340
From 61 to 80	185	1,180
Ages not stated... ...	4,175	26,194
Total	9.564	40,425

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Cardiff, Public	...	1
Cheltenham, Public	...	1
Chester, Public	...	1
Darlington, Public...	...	1
Derby, Public	...	1
Devon and Exeter Museum, and Public Library	...	1
Doncaster, Public	...	1
Dundee, Public	2	6
Ealing, Public	...	1
Fleetwood, Fielding Public ...	...	1
Folkestone, Public...	2	7
Glasgow, Mitchell	...	1
Glasgow, Stirling	...	1
Guernsey, Guille-Allès Library ...	...	2
Halifax, Public	...	1
Handsworth, Public	...	6
Hanley, Public	...	1
Harrogate, Public	2	...
Leamington Spa, Public	...	1
Leeds, Public	...	2
Leek, Nicholson Institute... ...	...	1
Leicester, Public	...	1
Liverpool, Public	5	20
London:—		
Battersea, Public	...	1
British Museum	431	28
Clapham, Public...	...	1
Clerkenwell, Public	1	1
Guildhall Library	2	...
Kensington, Public	...	1
Lambeth, Public...	1	...
Paddington, Public	...	1
Putney, Public	1	1
Westminster, United Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John, Public	...	1
Manchester, Public	...	7
Middlesbrough, Public	...	1
Newport, Monmouthshire. Public ..	...	1
Northwich, Brunner, Public ..	...	1
Norwich, Public	1	1
Nottingham, Public	1	4
Oxford, Bodleian Library	...	1
Oxford, Radcliffe Library... ..	1	...
Plymouth, Public	...	1
Portsmouth, Public	...	1
Preston, Public	...	1
Reading, Public	...	1
Richmond (Surrey), Public ...	...	1
Rochdale, Public	1	1
Rotherham, Public	...	1
St. Helens, Public	...	2

	Vols.	Phlts.
Libraries—*Continued.*		
Salford, Public	...	1
Sheffield, Public	1	1
Smethwick, Public	1	1
South Shields, Public	1	2
Southampton, Public	...	1
Southport, Atkinson Public ...	...	1
Stoke-upon-Trent, Public... ...	...	1
Swansea, Public	...	1
Twickenham, Public	...	1
Tynemouth, Public	1	2
Walsall, Public	...	1
Watford, Public	...	1
Wednesbury, Public	...	1
West Bromwich, Public	...	1
Wigan, Public	2	1
Wimbledon, Public	...	1
Wolverhampton, Public	...	1
Yarmouth, Public	...	1
Lietch (Mrs. D. Ross) Derwent Bank, Keswick	1	...
Little (James Stanley) The Kraal, Rudgwick, Sussex	...	1
Little (T. W.) Mickley Square, Stocksfield-on-Tyne	1	...
Liverpool University College, Council of, Liverpool	1	...
Livingstone (J. H.) Chicago, U.S. America	...	1
Local Government Board, Whitehall, London	4	...
London, Corporation of the City of	1	...
London, Corporation of the City of, Library Committee of the... ...	1	...
London University, Senate of ...	1	...
Macarthy (George Eugene) Ashfield House, Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	...	3
Macfie (R. A.) Dreghorn Castle, Colinton, Midlothian	2	...
Mackey(Matthew,Jun.) Milton Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	4	1
Manual (John) Newcastle-upon-Tyne	...	2
Marvin (Charles) Grosvenor House, Plumstead, Kent	...	1
Medical Officers of Health, Society of, (per H. E. Armstrong, Medical Officer of Health, Newcastle-upon-Tyne)	2	...
Minton (Rev. Francis, M.A.) Middlewich Vicarage, Cheshire	2	...
Mull (Matthias) Colville Terrace, Powis Square, London	2	...
Munro (A. Campbell, M.B., D.Sc., M.R.C.P.) Medical Officer of Health, South Shields	...	1
New South Wales, Agent General for, London...	1	3
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle, Proprietors of the, 3 COPIES of the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* as published	...	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Art Union ...	...	1
—— Bible Society	...	1

	Vols.	Phlts.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ...	...	2
—— Church of England Institute ...	...	1
—— Commercial Exchange Company, Limited	24	...
—— Corporation of	19	...
—— Farmers' Club	18	...
—— Grand Division, Sons of Temperance	1	...
—— Hospital Sunday Fund... ...	...	1
—— Royal Infirmary	...	1
—— School Board	1	...
North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	...
North Eastern Sanitary Inspection Association, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	...	5
North of England Steam Shipowners' Association, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	...	1
Northern Counties Clerks' Provident Association, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	...	3
Northern Union of Conservative Associations, Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	5	7
Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	...	1
Owen's College, Manchester, Senate of	1	...
Oxley (William) Bury New Road, Higher Broughton, Manchester ...	1	...
Oyen (A. A. Vorsterman van) La Haye, Holland	1	...
Pace (J. J., City Treasurer) Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2	...
Partridge and Co. (Messrs. S. W.) Paternoster Row, London ..	1	...
Petherick (E. A.) Paternoster Row, London	2	...
Philipson (John, J.P.) Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	4	...
Philipson (William) Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2	...
Phillips (Maberly) Grafton Road, Whitley	...	1
Pinson (H.) Pietermaritzburg, South Africa	...	2
Potts (W. J., Publisher) Atlas Works, North Shields	1	...
Prall (Mrs. A.) Molesey House, Rochester, Kent	1	...
Queen's College, London, Senate of...	1	...
Queensland, Australia, The Government of	2	...
Rawlinson, (Sir Robert, K.C.B., etc.) West Brompton, London	1	...
Reid (Andrew, Publisher) Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	...
Richardson (Mrs. A.) 116, Park Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	3
Richardson (Messrs. E. & J.) Elswick Leather Works, Newcastle-upon-Tyne...	4	...
Riddell (John Walter Buchanan, Esq., J.P.) Whitefield House, Rothbury	13	...

	Vols.	Phlts.
Roberts (John S.) Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	...
Robinson (Master James) Elsdon Road, Gosforth	1	...
Robinson (Mrs. T. W. U.) Hardwick Hall, Sedgefield, Co. Durham ...	1	...
Robinson (Dr. Tom) 9, Princess Street, Cavendish Square, London ...	...	6
Robson (W. C.) Rye Hill, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	...
Royal Society, Council of the, London	8	1
St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Committee of, London	...	1
Sanderson (Stephen, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland) Moot Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	4	...
Scott (Councillor Walter, Publisher) Kenilworth Press, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	68	1
Sell (Henry) 167, Fleet Street, London	2	...
Sharpe (Miss Emily) 32, Highbury Place, London	2	...
Shield-Wassermann (Mrs.) 59, Leazes Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	2	17
Skinner (Walter R.) 4, Birchin Lane, London	1	...
Smith (George, C.I.E., LL.D.) Serampore House, Merchiston, Edinburgh	1	...
Sotheran & Co. (Messrs. Henry) 136, Strand, London	1	...
Stephens (Alderman W. D., J.P.) Abbotsford Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne...	3	...
"Stuart" Exhibition, Committee of the, London	1	...
Sykes (Charles Xavier) Newcastle-upon-Tyne	...	2
Taylor (J. F., Chief Inspector, River Tyne Port Sanitary Authority) South Shields	...	1
Teachers, National Union of, Executive of the, London	2	...
Technical Education, National Association for the Promotion of, London	...	8
Thompson and Co. (Messrs. W. P.) Lord Street, Liverpool	3	...
Thomson (James) Shawdon, near Alnwick	2	...
Thrum (Thomas G.) Honolulu, Hawaii	...	1
Toynbee Trust, Trustees of the, Oxford	1	...
Trendell (Arthur J. R.) South Kensington Museum, London	1	...
Tyne Improvement Commissioners, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	...	1
Tyne Steam Shipping Company, Limited, (per Richard Welford) ...	...	1
Tyneside Geographical Society, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	...	2
United Asbestos Company, Limited Newcastle-upon-Tyne	...	4
Uruguay, The Consul-General for, London	2	4
Victoria, New South Wales, The Government of	1	...
Vincent (J. E. Matthew) Queen Victoria Street, London	1	...
Vivisection, Society for Protecting Animals from, London	1	...
Vivisection, Victoria Street Society, united with the International Association for the Protection of Animals from, London	1	...
Waddie (John) London	1	...
Wales, North, University College of, Senate of the, Bangor	1	...
Wales, South, and Monmouthshire University College of, Senate of the, Cardiff	1	...
Wales, University College of, Senate of the, Aberystwyth	1	...
Warne (Charles Holland) Brunswick Road, Brighton	1	...
Watherston (Edward J.) 12, Pall Mall East, London...	...	4
Watson (Dr. Robert Spence) Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	3
Welford (Richard) Gosforth... ...	2	...
Werner (Miss Hildegard) Northumberland Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	3	...
Whitehead (Right Hon. Sir James, ex-Lord Mayor of London) Highfield House, Catford Bridge, London	1	...
Winsor (Professor Justin) Harvard University, Cambridge, U.S.America	...	1
Yorkshire College, Senate of the, Leeds, ...	1	...
Zetetic Society, The, Park Street, Croydon	...	1

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1889. Mar. 26. To Balance from last year	0	6	9	1890. Mar. 25. By H. Chapman & Son, Bookcases ...	155	5	0			
1890. Mar. 25. „ Balance to next year	209	0	5	„ Sopwith & Co., Cabinet for Card Catalogues	41	10	0			
				„ J. Mills & Son, Brass Handrail ...	9	10	0			
				„ Salaries to Clerks, etc. (proportion)	3	2	2	209	7	2
	£209	7	2	J. J. PACE, *City Treasurer.*				£209	7	2

LOANS.

	£	s.	d.
Outstanding at 25th March, 1890 ...	23,386	0	0

PUBLIC LIBRARIES RATE ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1890. Mar. 25. To Balance from last year				2,358	18	2	1890. Mar. 25. By Interest on Money Borrowed, Dividends on Stock, and Redemption of Loans				874	11	4
„ Amount of Rate received, less Poundage				3,012	16	2	„ Salaries	875	18	9			
„ Catalogues Sold	3	19	0				„ Books, Magazines, etc. £740 10 10						
„ New Supplementary Catalogues Sold	14	18	0				„ Binding Books, & Carriage 155 1 7	895	12	5			
„ Juvenile Catalogues Sold	5	3	9				„ Librarian's Disbursements, etc. ...	19	5	11			
„ Vouchers Sold	26	3	3				„ Printing, Stationery, etc.	126	10	8			
„ Fines, and Damages	150	1	8				„ Gas, Water, Coals, Insurance, etc....	152	15	1			
„ Sundries	19	12	0				„ Repairs to Building, Fittings, etc....	120	16	1			
				219	17	8	„ Fire—Renewal of Books	1	10	7			
											2,192	9	6
							Classes.						
							„ Grants, and Fees to Teachers, etc....				93	12	0
											3,160	12	10
							„ Balance to next year				2,430	19	2
				£5,591	12	0	J. J. PACE, *City Treasurer.*				£5,591	12	0

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

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I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*I bequeath**

*Books, Pictures, or other Objects of Art or Interest.

to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, either for Exhibition, or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

PUBLICATIONS.

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CATALOGUE OF THE LENDING LIBRARY, 1880. Royal 8vo., Quarter-bound Buckram. One Shilling each.

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LENDING LIBRARY from A.D. 1830, to A.D. 1837. Royal 8vo., Quarter-bound Buckram. One Shilling each.

CATALOGUE OF THE JUVENILE LENDING LIBRARY, 1880. Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. Twopence each. (Out of Print.)

CATALOGUE OF THE JUVENILE LENDING LIBRARY, NEW EDITION, 1887. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. Threepence each.

FINDING-LIST OF RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENTS, 1881. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers Twopence each.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LENDING AND JUVENILE LIBRARIES, 1889. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. Twopence each.

LIST OF BOOKS IN EMBOSSED TYPE FOR THE USE OF THE BLIND, 1887. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. One Penny each.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 48, Paper Covers. Twopence each.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. Twopence each.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 30, Paper Covers. Twopence each.

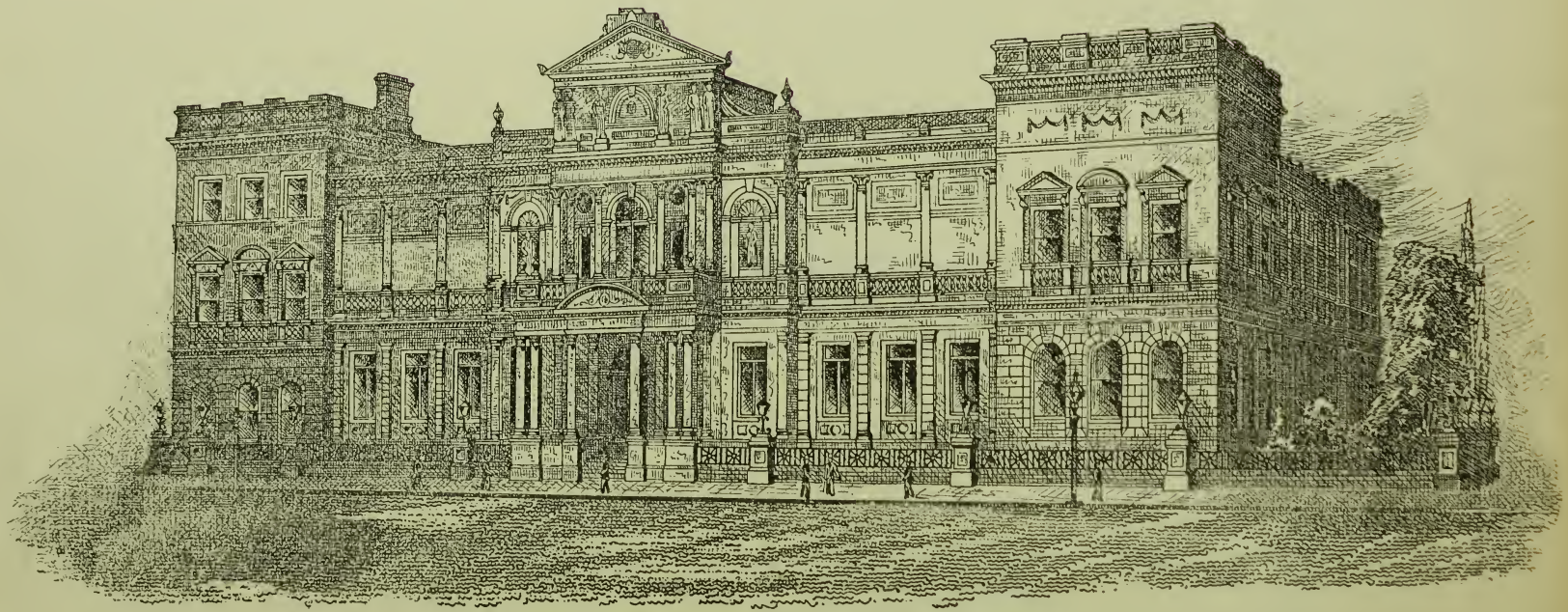
FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 40, Paper Covers. Twopence each.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 30, Paper Covers. Twopence each.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 28, Paper Covers. Twopence each.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. Twopence each.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. Twopence each.



NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

TENTH REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1890-91.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE AND LONDON:
ANDREW REID, SONS & CO., PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS.
1891.

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TENTH REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,

1890-91.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

As the first decade of the history of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Libraries ended on the 19th day of September last, it seems to be an opportune time for giving a short summary of the results accomplished during these ten years.

The Stock of volumes in the Lending Department of the Library in September, 1880, amounted to 20,069, of which 19,097 were contained in the adult, and 972 in the Juvenile Section. The total Stock of volumes had increased on September 19th, 1890, to 33,270, divided as follows:—Adult Library, 30,613; Juvenile Department, 2,657. The gross issue for the 10 years amounted to 2,398,404 volumes; divided as follows:—Adult Library, 2,064,568; Juvenile Department, 333,836 volumes, and with this very large circulation only 22 volumes had been actually lost.

The number of registered Readers qualified to borrow books for home reading was in

1880-81	13,929	(5 years' limit.)
1881-82	15,191	
1882-83	18,002	
1883-84	19,898	
1884-86 (Eighteen Months) ...	8,532	(1 year limit.)
1886-87	10,889	(3 years' limit.)
1887-88	11,704	
1888-89	11,968	
1889-90	9,901	(Second 3 years' limit.)
1890-91	12,066	

thus showing that during ten and a half years more than 50,000 persons have been registered upon our books as Readers.

The News-Room was opened to the public on September 1st, 1882, and during 8 years and 17 days, it was visited by 4,615,954 persons. This part of the Institution was also opened to the public on Sundays, between the hours of 2 and 9 o'clock p.m., commencing on October 7th, 1883, and from that date, to September 19th, 1890, inclusive (nearly 7 years), the total visits had reached 242,481, making a gross total of 4,858,435 recorded visits.

The Reference Library was opened on August 20th, 1884, and during 6 years and 17 days, ending September 19th, 1890, the total issue had amounted to 236,190 volumes. The Stock of volumes in this Department at the opening was 22,165, and it amounted on September 19th, 1890, to 35,299, being an addition of 13,134 volumes.

The total number of volumes contained in all departments of the Library, on March 25th, 1891, amounted to 69,610, being an increase of 2,641 during the year; or, a total addition in ten and a half years of 41,863 volumes.

We now proceed to place on record the results obtained in each of the several departments of the Institution, during the Library year which ended on March 25th, 1891.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

The total number of Readers entitled to borrow books for home reading on March 25th, 1891, was 12,066, divided as follows:—Citizens, 2,906; Non-Citizens, 9,160. Of this number 2,957 joined, or re-joined during the year, while during the same period 792 names have been expunged from the "Readers' Registers," and there are 2,165 more now than at March 25th, 1890.

This portion of the Library was open to the public on 271 days (or two days less than during 1889-90), and the gross issue amounted to 202,210 volumes; being a decrease on the previous year of 59,229. This somewhat serious falling off in the circulation, raises the question whether your Committee are able to assign any reasonable cause for this decrease in the issue. Had their resources not permitted them to have added a fair proportion of new works of current literature to the Library; or, if special facilities had not been offered to the reading public to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the Library, the falling off in the circulation might have been readily accounted for, but the opposite has been the case. Nearly 1,000 volumes of absolutely new and popular

books have been added to stock, all of which have been listed, and by the new arrangement of exposing the "New Additions to the Library," in a special book-case provided for that purpose, every possible opportunity has been given to Readers, to avail themselves of the continually increasing number of new books for home reading. The decrease in the issue, your Committee venture to believe, can only be attributable to the very marked change for the better in the condition of the employment of the industrial classes of the district, who in consequence have presumably had less time at their disposal for home reading, than when constant employment was less frequent. In this connection, it may be interesting also to note, that a considerable decrease in the issues from the lending departments of several other large public libraries has taken place during the same period, notably at Manchester (40,707), Sheffield (28,596), Leeds (27,779), Birmingham (26,325), and Salford (13,652).

The gross issue in the Lending Library, since the opening in September, 1880, amounts to 2,497,289 volumes. 979 volumes were added to Stock, making a total for this Department of 33,649; being an addition in ten and a half years, of 13,580 volumes; or an average annual increase of 1,283.

During the Annual Stock-taking (June 23rd, to July 2nd, 1890), 2 VOLUMES only were unaccounted for, making the total loss in ten and a half years, 22 VOLUMES. (For list *see* page 17).

In consequence of the large circulation, your Committee have been compelled to withdraw during the year 398 volumes (chiefly popular works of fiction) which had become so worn or imperfect as to require replacement by new copies; 2,617 volumes have been so dealt with during the past ten and a half years; or, at the rate of 1 in 13 of the entire stock. During the same period 1,412 volumes have been bound or re-bound for this Department, making a total of 16,338 volumes so treated since the opening of the Library, or nearly one-half of the entire stock.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The Stock in this Department has been increased during the year by 123 volumes, making a total of 2,685, the gross additions to Stock since the opening amounting to 1,713. At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1890, NOT ONE SINGLE VOLUME was found to be missing, once more testifying, in eloquent terms, to the great care which has been taken by the children of the books which have been so liberally placed at their disposal by the Committee. With an aggregate issue in

ten and a half years of 354,395 volumes, only TWO VOLUMES have been lost from this Department, and during the same period no complaint has ever reached the Committee, as to the character or quality of the books provided for children. The issue has been 36,628, or a decrease of 9,681 on the previous return.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

The Stock contained in this Library now amounts to 3,970 volumes, being an increase of 148. The issue has been 3,381, or, a decrease of 674, as compared with the issue of the previous twelve months, this portion of the Reference Department being the only one that shows any decrease, and this falling off may with some degree of assurance, be attributed to the fact that the supply of these publications was temporarily suspended during the months of March, April, and May, 1890, and, therefore, the issue would in consequence be materially affected.

During the year the new arrangements entered into with the Patent Office, and the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation, have permitted your Committee to offer very special facilities to patentees and others interested in these publications, so as to enable them to make rapid and successful search for information, as well as to bring these publications within the reach of the inhabitants of the Northern Counties, at the earliest possible moment, after their publication by the Patent Office Authorities. It is hoped that with the exceptional facilities now provided, greater use will be made of this Department in future.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

The number of visits paid to the News-Room during the year, on the 296 days, on which it was open to the public, was 633,457; being a daily average of 2,140; or, an increase of 35,233 on the year; or, a daily average increased attendance of 136. The total visits paid to this Department since its opening in 1882 (eight and a half years) has been 4,964,294.

This room is now regularly supplied with 32 daily, 91 weekly or bi-weekly, 141 monthly or bi-monthly, and 15 quarterly Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews, etc. For list *see* pages 25-27.

This room was also open to the public on 51 SUNDAYS during the past year (between the hours of 2 and 9 o'clock p.m.), and was visited by 35,028 persons; or, a daily average of 687; being a decrease of 1,349, or a daily average decrease of 26 persons. The total visits paid to the News-Room since the opening on Sundays, in October, 1883 (seven and a half years) has been 260,284.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The total issue during the year has been 52,253, showing the very substantial increase of 11,828 volumes. The daily average issue of volumes amounted to 182, on the 296 days, on which this Library was open to the public. Your Committee are exceedingly pleased to be able to place on record the growing appreciation for this Department of the Institution, not only on the part of residents in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but of literary workers from many parts of the United Kingdom, who have testified their appreciation, not only of the class of works contained in this collection, but to the assistance which has been rendered to them in the pursuit of their special studies. The gross issue in this Department, since August, 1884 (six and a half years), has been 268,343 volumes. The total Stock, inclusive of the "Thomlinson" Library; the "Merrifield" Library; the "Specifications of Patents;" the "Riddell" Library, and the "Walter Scott" Library, now amounts to 35,961; or, an increase of 1,662 on the year. During the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1890, your Committee are again pleased to be able to announce that NOT ONE SINGLE VOLUME, OR PAMPHLET was unaccounted for, thus making ONLY ONE VOLUME lost in this Department, since its inauguration.

The work of Cataloguing the Reference Library has been very much interfered with, in consequence of your Librarian's time and attention having been diverted to the more pressing necessity of Cataloguing the "Thomlinson" Library; but still all new additions during the year, together with the whole of Class G (Poetry and the Drama) and Class H (Prose Fiction) have been very fully transcribed.

Among the more important works added to this Department, during the past twelve months, special attention may be called to the following, viz.:—Annual Register for A.D. 1889. Anthropological Review, and Journal of the Anthropological Institute, complete set to date, 25 vols. Badger's Nestorians, and their Ritual, 2 vols. Bancroft's History of the Pacific States of North America, vols. 24, 38-39. Bean's Parliamentary Representation of the Six Northern Counties. Bible, The Portuesian, A.D. 1825. Bible, Novum Testamentum ex Bibliotheca Regia, et Epistolæ, Lutetiæ, 1546. Biblia Triglotta, 2 vols. Billing's Illustrations of the Architectural Antiquities of the County of Durham. Blind, Deaf, and Dumb Commissioners' Reports, etc., 1889, 4 vols., folio. Blyth's Dictionary of Hygiene and Public Health. Borelli (Jules) Éthiopie Méridionale. Bradley's Dictionary of Miniaturists, etc., 3 vols. Brett's Commentaries on the Laws of England, 2 vols. Brinton's Library of Aboriginal American Literature, vols. 4-7. British Association for the

Advancement of Science, Report of the 59th Meeting, held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, A.D. 1889. British Museum Publications:—Book of the Dead, Imp. folio; Catalogue of Birds, vols. 13, 15, and 18; Catalogue of Greek Coins, vol. 13; Catalogue of the Cuneiform Tablets in the Kouyunjik Collection, vol. 1; Catalogue of Fossil Reptilia, etc., part 4; Guide to the Exhibition Galleries of the Department of Geology and Palæontology, parts 1 and 2. Burke's Peerage for A.D. 1891. Button's Something about Works of Art (one of five copies printed on vellum). Calendar of Wills proved and enrolled in the Court of Husting, London, part 2, A.D. 1368-1688. Catafago's Arabic-English Lexicon. Century Dictionary, edited by Whitney, vols. 1-4. Chalmers' Caledonia, new edition, vols. 1-6. Chambers's Encyclopædia, new edition, vols. 5-6. Child's English and Scottish Popular Ballads, part 7. Cole's Studies in Microscopical Science, 2 vols. Cremona's Graphical Statics. Cushing's Anonyms, 2 vols. De Quincey's Uncollected Writings; edited by Hogg, 2 vols. Dictionary of National Biography; edited by Stephen and Lee, vols. 22-26. Didon (Père H.) Jesus Christ, 2 vols. Döllinger's Studies of European History. Domesday Studies, vol. 1. Draparnaud's Fresh-water and Land Shells, painted in Indian Ink, by George Gibsone. Drysdale's History of the Presbyterians in England. Foster's Text Book of Physiology, 5th edition, 3 vols. Fowler's Engravings of Roman and Mosaic Pavements, Stained Glass, etc., 3 vols., Elephant folio. Fry's Pantographia. Graetz's History of the Jews, vols. 1-2. Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, Index to. Gubernatis' Zoological Mythology, 2 vols. Hansard's Parliamentary Debates for Session 1890. Harrison's History of the Wapentake of Gilling West. Hawkin's Origin of the Drama, 3 vols. Health Exhibition Literature, 19 vols. Howell's Capital and Labour. India, Statistical Atlas of. Jaffé and Potthast's Regesta Pontificum Romanorum, 3 vols. Jay's Correspondence and Public Papers, vols. 1-2. Jastrow's Dictionary of the Targumin, etc., parts 1-3; Jevons' Pure Logic. Jones' One Thousand and One Initial Letters. Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society, complete set to date; including Indices, 52 vols. Jusserand's English Wayfaring Life in the Middle Ages. Kingsford's History of Canada, vol. 4. Klüge's Etymological Dictionary of the German Language. La Place (Pierre Simon, Marquise de) Traité de Mécanique Céleste, 5 vols., and 4 supplements. La Place's Treatise on Celestial Mechanics; translated by Harte, Book 1, parts 1-2 (all published). Lecky's History of England in the Eighteenth Century, vols. 7-8. Leland's Gypsy Sorcery and Witchcraft. Lincoln (President Abraham): a History. By Nicolay and Hay, 10

vols. Linton's Masters of Wood Engraving, Royal folio (large paper copy). Lobley's Mount Vesuvius. Longstaffe's Studies in Statistics. Lowell's Collected Works (Riverside edition, large paper copy), 10 vols. Macalister's Human Anatomy. McCarthy's French Revolution, vols. 1-2. Marshall's Principles of Economics. Martineau's Seat of Authority in Religion. Mill and Rowan's Chemical Technology, vol. 1. Miller's Elements of Chemistry, 5th and 6th editions, 3 vols. Murray's Handbooks, new editions of the following :—Durham and Northumberland ; France ; South Germany and Austria ; Southern Italty and Sicily ; Paris. Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Gas Company, Acts of Parliament, A.D. 1864-79. Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Gateshead Water Company, Acts of Parliament, A.D. 1845-90. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Liberal Society of Tradesmen, Rules of the ; engrossed on vellum, with original autographs of members, A.D. 1818-24. Newman (Professor F. W.) Miscellanies, 4 vols. Ohio, U.S. America, Geological Survey of, Reports, etc., relating to, 10 vols. Painter's Palace of Pleasure, 3 vols. Pedigrees recorded at the Visitations of Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, and Northumberland, A.D. 1575-1666 ; edited by Foster, 3 vols. Percy's Mechanical Engineering of Collieries, 4th edition, vol. 1. Public General Statutes, A.D. 1889, and A.D. 1890. Publications of the Master of the Rolls, etc., viz.:—The Calendars of State Papers, The Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland, The Reports of the Historical Manuscripts Commissioners, and The Scotch and Irish Record Commissioners Reports, have been made practically complete ; the sets now including the scarce Facsimiles of Anglo-Saxon and National Manuscripts. Quarterly Journal of Science, complete set, 22 vols. Quarterly Musicial Review, complete set, 4 vols. Rayleigh's Theory of Sound, 2 vols. Riaño's Early Spanish Music. Rose's Modern Steam Engines. Rossetti (Dante Gabriel) Collected Works, 2 vols. Royal Society, Transactions of the, vols. 180-181, and Proceedings, vols. 47-48. Russell (Lord John) Life of. By Walpole. Sacred Books of the East, vol. 35. Schrader's Prehistoric Antiquities. Scrope's Salmon Fishing. Seaton's Manual of Marine Engineering, 9th edition. Shakespeare's Works (Hamnet edition) ; edited by Paton, vols. 1-8. Shakespeare's Works ; edited by Collier, 8 vols. Simon's English Sanitary Institutions. Skeat's Principles of English Etymology, 2 vols. Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities, new edition, vol. 1. Smith's Graphics, 2 vols. Steadman's Library of American Literature, 11 vols. Stroud's Judicial Dictionary. *Times* for A.D. 1855, 4 vols. *Times*, Indices to the, October, A.D. 1841, to September, A.D. 1844 ; and for A.D. 1890, 16 vols. Turberville's Tragicall Tales (only 50 copies

printed). Walford's County Families for A.D. 1891. Walker's My Musical Experiences. Washington (President George) Complete Works of; edited by Ford, vols. 5-8. Watkins' Modern Criticism in its relation to the Fourth Gospel (Bampton Lectures for A.D. 1890). Watson (Dr. Robert Spence) Manuscript Verbatim Shorthand Notes of the Arbitration between the North Eastern Railway Company, and the men employed at the Forth and Trafalgar Granary, Quayside, and Gateshead Stations; together with original autograph letters. Webster's International Dictionary. Weddell's Arcana Fairfaxiana Manuscripta, and Wheatley and Cunningham's London Past and Present, 3 vols.

Nine volumes are still required to place the Reference Library in the same condition as to stock, as it held prior to the unfortunate fire, which took place in November, 1884, and as your Committee are still anxious to secure copies of these books, they append herewith a list, in the hope that they may receive offers from any person who may have any or all of them for disposal:—Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur;" edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols., post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," 2 vols., 4to., 1844. Guarino (C. G.) Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus, folio, 1671; and Santvoord's Lives of the Chief Justices of the United States, demy 8vo., New York, 1854.

During the past year this Department has been specially enriched by the addition of

"THE GIBSONE CONCHES:"

a collection of original water-colour drawings of shells, by the late George Gibsone [Bart.], Architect, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in sixteen portfolios, containing 1,965 separate sheets ($13\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches). There are in all 7,260 full-sized coloured drawings from nature of 3,025 species or varieties of shells, finished with an intelligence likely to make the collection for a long time unique, whether considered as works of art or of natural science. Some years ago this collection was valued by Messrs. Children and Gray, the then heads of the Natural History Department of the British Museum, for the Radcliffe Library, Oxford (at that time in treaty for their purchase), at £500. Since that time the number of designs has been nearly doubled, and the whole collection carefully catalogued according to the genera of Lamarck.

During 1890, an effort was made to raise a sum of £200, by public subscription, with which to purchase this valuable natural history

collection, the executors of the artist having previously undertaken (in conformity with the expressed wish of the deceased), that in the event of such a sum being raised, the drawings should be handed over to some public institution in Newcastle-upon-Tyne; to this fund your Committee subscribed £25, and at a meeting of the Selection Committee held at the Literary and Philosophical Society on July 4th, 1890, it was unanimously resolved that the Reference Department of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library should be the place selected for their final deposit.

The following letter from the Rev. Edward Hussey Adamson, M.A., which accompanied the "Conches" will best explain the circumstances and conditions of the gift :—

" GIBSONE CONCHES.

"*To the Committee of the Public Library of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.*

" GENTLEMEN,

" We, the Executive Committee for promoting the purchase of the beautiful water-colour drawings of Shells executed by the late Mr. George Gibsone, and presenting them to some public institution in Newcastle, have pleasure in notifying to the Corporation and especially to you, the Committee of the Public Library in this city, that the scheme which we inaugurated has been brought to a successful accomplishment. This satisfactory result has been attained partly by liberal concessions from the vendors, and partly by public spirited subscriptions from the gentry of Newcastle and elsewhere. We have very great pleasure in offering, as we are authorised to do by the votes of the subscribers, this most extensive and valuable conchological collection for deposit in your Reference Library. It was thought that as the accomplished artist, though not a native of Newcastle, yet spent so long a period of his useful life in the city, or its immediate vicinity, his grandly conceived and elaborately executed work could find no more fitting place than within the walls of your Library, where no doubt it will be carefully preserved, and will always be freely accessible to the public, under proper regulations.

" As the collection was open to inspection at the conversaziones, held on the occasion of the British Association holding its meeting here last year, we refrain from saying more about its beauty, extent, or monetary value, but content ourselves with referring to the catalogue and prospectus.

" Amongst the contributions we gratefully acknowledge a donation of £25 from yourselves, as your promised aid, coming at a critical period, encouraged us to proceed in our undertaking.

"If you allow us to make this addition to your literary and artistic treasures, it is our hope that it may lead to an increased appreciation of Conchology, a branch of Natural History, which was once more cultivated and studied here than it has apparently been of recent years, but which, if we may venture to add, might be found useful to geologists and miners in discriminating stratification.

"Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee,

"E. H. ADAMSON,

"*July* 28*th*, 1890." "*Chairman.*"

Shortly after the above collection had been received at the Library, your Committee resolved, if practicable, to make arrangements for the partial public exhibition of these drawings. With this object in view, your Committee have caused to be provided four sloping desk-stands, and have had specially made sixteen dust-proof frames, by which means sixty-four of these beautiful drawings are on view at one time, in the Reference Library, and by changing the contents monthly, seven hundred and sixty-eight of the drawings will be exhibited annually.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The Stock of this Library practically remains as stated in last report, viz.:—4,393 volumes, there having been no additions, or recovery of missing volumes, during the past year.

Up to the present time 2,331 volumes have been re-bound, cleaned, labelled, and checked with the printed catalogue of 1829. 732 volumes are at present in the hands of our binders, and 469 volumes have already been shelved, as not requiring re-binding, leaving 861 volumes still to be dealt with, and it is confidently expected that this work will be satisfactorily completed during the current year.

The work of cataloguing this collection has been found to be both arduous and difficult. The work was commenced on November 1st, 1890, the Committee having secured for the purposes of transcription, under the personal direction, and in conjunction with the Chief Librarian, the services of Mr. R. T. Richardson, a gentleman of literary and linguistic attainments of no mean order.

Catalogue Cards, similar to those in use in the Reference Library are used, but of a French-grey colour, and already 1,963 Works, contained in 2,299 volumes have been very fully transcribed, viz.:—under Author or Authors, Editor or Editors, Translator or Translators, the first word of

the Title (other than an Article) under the Subject, and also under such Cross References as were necessary to make the Works in this Collection easily available to those who may require to consult them in future. To give some slight idea of the labour involved in the cataloguing of this Collection, it may be stated that 16,861 cards have been used in dealing with the 2,299 volumes catalogued to date. It is thought more than probable that the work will be brought to a successful termination during the present Library year.

While the work of re-arranging this Library has been in progress, a considerable number of the books have been consulted, amounting to 4,438 volumes, such consultations, at this period of transition, causing considerable inconvenience, but it is pleasing to know that our Librarian has always been willing to place these books at the disposal of Students, and it should be more widely known than it seems to be at present, that he will be glad at any time to aid persons in making references to the "Thomlinson" books, and more particularly the Clergy of the Diocese of Newcastle, and also of the neighbouring Diocese of Durham, to whom this Theological Library especially appeals.

CONFERENCES.

The forty-second Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutes, was held at Jarrow, on August 6th, 1890, under the presidency of Sir Charles Mark Palmer, Bart., M.P., who delivered a most interesting address on the "Relations existing between Capital and Labour." The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Libraries Committee was represented by Councillors Evers and Flowers, and the Chief Librarian, Mr. W. J. Haggerston. The usual Report of the work accomplished at the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Libraries was supplied to the Conference.

The thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, took place at Reading, from September 17th to 20th inclusive, the President being Edward Maunde Thompson, Esq., LL.D., D.C.L., F.S.A., Principal Librarian of the British Museum, who contributed a good sound practical address on the "Public Library Movement."

Papers were also read on the following subjects, viz. :—"The Chief Private Libraries of the district round Reading." "The Charters and other Muniments of the Corporation of Reading." "Ventilation, Heating, and Lighting; especially Electric Lighting of Libraries and News-Rooms." "Public Library Legislation." "The Literature and Writers of Reading, and the surrounding District." "The Editions of the Latin Bible of the First Half Century of Printing." "The Literature of the Black Death,

and the Plague." "An Introduction to the Theory of a State Paper Catalogue;" while a most important Discussion took place on the Draft Bill, proposed by the Association, as an Amendment to the "Public Libraries Acts," and to be known as "The Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1890."

DONATIONS.

711 volumes have been received during the year as donations to the Library, and among the chief donors special attention may be called to the following, viz.:—John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Esq., J.P., 120 volumes, in continuation of his late uncle's bequest. Walter Scott, Esq., 32 volumes, in continuation of the "Walter Scott" Library. The Committee for the purchase and presentation of the "Gibsone Conches." Mr. Alderman Barkas, F.G.S. Thomas Charles Button, Esq. Mr. Councillor Adam Carse. The Cobden Club. Robert Needham Cust, Esq., LL.D. Mrs. Augustus Robert Edmonds. William Brewis Elsdon, Esq. The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The Council of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders. Henry Evers, Esq., LL.D. The Governments of Canada, and the United States of America. Allan Park Paton, Esq. John Philipson, Esq., J.P. The Royal Society. Mr. Alderman Stephens, J.P. Robert Spence Watson, Esq., LL.D., F.R.G.S.; and Miss Hildegard Werner. (For fuller particulars *see* pages 28-31).

The total number of volumes received as donations since the adoption of the "Public Libraries Acts" in this City (exclusive of the "Thomlinson" Library), has amounted to **12,036** volumes.

THE RIDDELL LIBRARY.

This collection now contains **1,030** volumes, **120** having been added during the year by John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Esq., J.P., of Whitefield House, Rothbury, in continuation of the bequest made by his late uncle, Henry Philip Archibald Buchanan Riddell, Esq., C.S.I., and J.P., and special attention may be directed to the following valuable additions, viz.:—Gould's Century of Birds from the Himalaya Mountains (first edition, with hand-coloured plates), folio 1831. Journal of the Chemical Society of London, vols. 21-46. Wyatt's Views of the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, folio, 1854; and a very complete and rare collection relating to the Mineralogy, Natural History, Philology, and Topography of the Orkney and Shetland Islands, consisting of 20 volumes.

Your Committee have been fortunate enough to obtain by purchase, from Mr. John Worsnop, photographer, Rothbury, a very fine platinotype permanent photograph of the late Henry Philip Archibald Buchanan Riddell, and the same has been framed and placed in close proximity to the Library bequeathed to Newcastle by the deceased gentleman.

THE WALTER SCOTT LIBRARY.

This special collection, consisting of the productions of the local "Kenilworth Press," now contains 469 volumes, 32 having been added during the year, chiefly in continuation of series, viz. :—"Camelot Classics," 11 vols. "Canterbury Poets," 5 vols. "Contemporary Science Series," 6 vols. ; and "Great Writers Series," 5 vols.

COLLECTION OF LOCALLY PRINTED BOOKS.

The Committee have continued to keep in view the desirability of adding to the collection of local literature, and during the year copies of the following works have been secured, viz. :—Bean's Parliamentary Representation of the Six Northern Counties, Royal 8vo., 1890. Billing's Illustrations of the Architectural Antiquities of the County of Durham, Royal 4to., 1846. Crawhall's Olde Tayles newlye Related, Royal 4to. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Liberal Society of Tradesmen, Rules of the, engrossed on Vellum, with original Autographs of Members, A.D. 1818-24, Royal 4to. Epitaphs and Inscriptions in Warkworth Churchyard ; edited by Dand and Hodgson, Demy 8vo., Alnwick, 1890. Isle of Man, Descriptive and Historical Account of the, 12mo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1809. March's Sermons preached in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Crown 4to., London and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1674-84. Meik's Reports on the River Wear, Demy 8vo., Sunderland, 1853. Northern Lights ; or, Whims, Oddities, and Digressions of the *Northern Liberator*, for A.D. 1838, Crown 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1839. Pedigrees recorded at the Visitations of Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, and Northumberland, A.D. 1575-1666 ; edited by Foster, 3 vols., Impl. 8vo., 1887-90. The Spectator, 8 vols., Crown 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1799 ; and Weddell's Arcana Fairfaxiana Manuscripta, Crown 4to., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1890.

ELECTRIC LIGHT INSTALLATION.

During the year your Committee have decided in favour of the principle of lighting the entire building with Electricity, in place of Gas, as at present, and the tender of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Company has been accepted. The work of installation will be proceeded

with as soon as the formal consent of Her Majesty's Treasury, to the necessary loan, shall have been obtained, the consent of the City Council having already been secured for this purpose; and it is further the intention of your Committee to have the entire building cleaned and re-decorated during the current year, after the installation is complete.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

Your Committee again bear grateful testimony to the great value of the services rendered to them and to the public by the Chief Librarian (Mr. W. J. Haggerston), and the staff which under his careful charge and guidance has become so valued a factor in the supply of trained Librarians for many of the Public Libraries of the United Kingdom; no less than nine of our Chief Librarian's Assistants having been appointed Chief Librarians, and four as Assistant Librarians to other Public Libraries within this Country.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

TOWN HALL, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
May 29th, 1891.

Presented to the City Council,
July 1st, 1891.

Adopted by the City Council,
Oct. 7th, 1891.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1890		32,670	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1891:—			
By Gift	36		
By Purchase	926		
By Transfer from Reference to Lending Library ...	22		
By Stock from Mechanics' Institute, recently acquired	1	985	
		33,655	
Less—Volumes of works in 2 or 3 volumes having been replaced by 1 volume editions		6	
Total Stock in Lending Library			33,649

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1890		34.308	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1891:—			
By Gift, including "Specifications for Patents of Inventions, and other Publications of the Patent Office," the "Riddell" Library, and the "Walter Scott" Library	675		
By Purchase	1,009	1,684	
		35,992	
Less—Volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works		22	
		35,970	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		9	
Total Stock in Reference Library			35,961

TOTAL STOCK.

Total stock of volumes in both Departments from all sources:—			
From Mechanics' Institute Library		2.004	
By Gift, including 3.970 volumes of "Patent Specifications and Abstracts," 1,030 volumes of the "Riddell" Library, and 469 volumes of the "Walter Scott" Library		12,036	
Thomlinson Library at date of transfer	4,365		
Do. recovered since transfer	23		
Do. donations received since transfer ...	5		
		4,393	
By Purchase		51,192	
		69,625	
Less—Volumes of works in 2 or 3 volumes having been replaced by 1 volume editions		6	
		69,619	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		9	
Total Stock			69.610

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,522	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels	7,796	
C.—Science, and Natural History	3,047	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities...	1,422	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	1,066	
F.—Philology, and Education	430	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,510	
H.—Prose Fiction (* 6)	8,379	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	4,798	
K.—Juvenile Literature	2,685	
	33,655	
**Less*—Volumes of works in 2 or 3 volumes having been replaced by 1 volume editions	6	
Total Stock in Lending Library		33,649

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,073	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels (* 14) ...	5,136	
C.—Science, and Natural History (* 11)	2,650	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities (* 1)	2,562	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics (* 1) ...	2,763	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias (* 1)	2,564	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama (* 1)	1,173	
H.—Prose Fiction (* 1)	551	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature; including The Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies (* 1)	8,157	
	27,629	
Publications of the Patent Office, etc.	3,970	
Thomlinson Library	4,393	
	35,992	
**Less*—22 volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the works; and 9 volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies...	31	
Total Stock in Reference Library		35,961
Total Stock in both Departments... ...		69,610

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880.

16,338 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

478 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

68 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

2,617 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past re-binding, and have been replaced by the Committee.

16 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace can be found.

22 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Ainsworth's Star Chamber. Austen's Mansfield Park. Besant and Rice's Seamy Side. Besant and Rice's Ten Years' Tenant. Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Fitzgerald's Recreations of a Literary Man, 2 vols. Gosman's Seven Days in London. Habberton's Barton Experiment. James' Arabella Stuart. Leahy's Art of Swimming in the Eton style. Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome. MacDonald's Stephen Archer. Military Life, Tales of, vol. i. Mitchell's Bainbridge Holme, 2 vols. Mulock's My Mother and I. Russell's Vicar's Governess. Sadler's Flag Lieutenant. Starling's Noble Deeds of Women. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin; edited by Crowe. Tabor's Last of Her Line.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1890, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1891.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1890.													
March 26th, to 31st	112	561	132	83	70	86	127	2,359	514	758	4,802	5	960
April	654	2,643	662	534	459	392	514	10,011	3,359	3,728	22,956	21	1,093
May	628	2,724	822	330	261	164	604	10,620	3,434	3,639	23,226	24	968
June*	166	1,342	648	110	30	17	205	4,095	1,608	1,814	10,035	15	669
July	410	1,377	852	373	99	165	303	9,512	2,181	2,799	18,071	23	786
August	347	1,077	704	312	119	88	222	8,943	1,224	2,060	15,096	23	656
September...	242	972	670	324	101	67	173	8,920	1,024	2,155	14,648	24	610
October	259	1,119	717	297	150	78	208	8,834	942	4,210	16,814	25	673
November...	223	1,165	706	263	123	101	270	8,450	1,164	3,607	16,072	23	699
December	206	1,004	561	222	88	67	221	7,871	1,001	3,183	14,424	24	601
1891.													
January	202	1,080	655	240	95	75	167	8,594	970	2,593	14,671	23	638
February	436	1,066	741	422	299	187	257	8,934	1,276	3,256	16,874	22	767
March 1st, to 25th	259	957	579	323	157	115	208	8,018	1,079	2,826	14,521	19	764
Total Issue in each Class ...	4,144	17,087	8,449	3,833	2,051	1,602	3,479	105,161	19,776	36,628	202,210	271	746
Class Percentage of entire Issue	2·05	8·45	4·18	1·90	1·02	·78	1·72	52·01	9·78	18·11	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ...	15	63	31	14	8	6	13	388	73	135	746		
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	2,522	7,796	3,047	1,422	1,066	430	1,510	8,373	4,798	2,685	33,649		
Turn Over	1·64	2·19	2·77	2·70	1·92	3·72	2·30	12·56	4·12	13·64	6·01		

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1·0 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 23rd, to and including July 2nd, 1890, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census return for 1881.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of * Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issue in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issue.
1	Liverpool	1852	552,508	3	11,269	54,268	431,841	7·96	*	338,822	*	78·44
2	Birmingham	1861	400,774	5	19,082	60,766	504,575	8·30	22,632	336,310	14·86	66·65
3	Manchester	1852	341,414	6	40,935	106,708	700,242	6·56	29,889	519,201	17·37	74·15
4	Leeds	1870	309,119	26	22,387	125,411	664,905	5·30	49,376	377,269	7·64	56·74
5	Sheffield	1856	284,508	5	15,346	80,578	389,254	4·83	18,967	258,832	13·65	66·49
6	Bristol	1876	206,874	6	17,991	80,145	603,330	7·53	17,696	346,423	13·93	57·42
7	Nottingham	1867	186,575	5	11,142	45,055	385,915	8·57	21,645	232,421	10·74	60·23
8	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ...	1880	145,359	1	12,066	33,649	202,210	6·01	8,373	105,161	12·56	52·01
9	Leicester	1871	122,500	3	8,500	24,894	255,211	10·21	9,095	147,389	16·21	57·75
10	Sunderland	1860	116,548	1	3,100	16,916	116,850	6·91	4,729	74,092	15·67	63·41
11	Preston	1879	96,537	1	16,192	16,868	104,903	6·21	3,701†	69,771†	18·85	66·51
12	Norwich	1857	87,842	1	3,874	13,486	98,250	7·29	4,092	74,844	18·29	76·18
13	Wolverhampton	1869	75,766	1	2,946	26,163	62,731	2·40	7,839	44,061	5·62	70·24

* The Librarian refuses to furnish these figures. † Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 8th in Population, 8th in Stock, 10th in Turn Over, 7th in number of Readers' Tickets in use while the percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction is lower than in any of the above-named Libraries

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Actresses		3
Artists	1	5
Assistants, Shop		33
Bookbinders		5
Cashiers...		9
Clerks		4
Cooks, and Confectioners ...	1	13
Domestic Servants		50
Dress, and Mantle Makers ...	7	172
Governesses	2	20
Grocers	2	2
Hosiers		9
House-Keepers...	3	26
Jewellers	2	
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmaids		6
Lodging-House Keepers ...	5	
Machinists	1	13
Manageresses	1	5
Matrons	1	6
Carried forward ...	26	381

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	26	381
Milliners	1	26
Nurses		28
Pawnbrokers	2	1
Professors of Music		9
Saleswomen	1	28
Scholars...		197
Schoolmistresses	5	40
Seamstresses	2	2
Shopkeepers	4	9
Student		1
Teachers		174
Telegraphists		7
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	1	2
Upholstresses		6
Waitresses		11
No Occupation stated	147	2,927
Total ...	189	3,849

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	41	28
Actor		1
Actuary	1	
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc.	100	86
Apprentices		193
Architects	18	14
Artists	9	16
Assistants, Shop	1	112
Auctioneers	4	1
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	10	19
Barristers	1	1
Basket, and Box Makers ...	2	1
Bell Hangers	2	1
Belt Makers	3	6
Billiard Markers		2
Block, and Mast Makers ...	3	
Boat Builders...	3	1
Boiler Makers	18	3
Bookbinders	12	13
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	21	14
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	23	23
Bottlers...	2	2
Brass Finishers	15	20
Brewers	6	2
Bricklayers	22	11
Brick Makers		3
Brokers	12	2
Brush Makers	6	7
Builders, and Contractors ...	41	5
Carried forward ...	376	587

	Citizens.	Non Citizens.
Brought forward ...	376	587
Butchers	27	28
Cab Proprietors...	2	
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	40	37
Caretakers, and Janitors ...	3	7
Carpet Planners	1	4
Cartmen...	11	11
Cartwrights	4	2
Carvers, and Gilders	6	15
Cashiers...	29	15
Checkers		2
Chemists, Analytical	4	10
Chemists, and Druggists ...	24	23
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	25	33
Clerks	157	1,021
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	13	11
Coachmen, and Grooms ...	3	4
Collectors	14	1
Commercial Travellers ...	61	65
Consuls, and Vice-Consuls ...	1	3
Cooks	2	3
Coopers	14	2
Cork Cutters	2	
Cover Makers		4
Cutlers		3
Dairymen	6	3
Dentists...	6	7
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons... ...	23	25
Carried forward ...	854	1,926

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	854	1,926
Drapers. Clothiers, and Hosiers	67	133
Draughtsmen	25	45
Drillers	3	13
Drysalters	3	
Dyers	5	3
Electricians	18	10
Elocutionists	1	2
Engine Drivers	8	3
Engineers	80	174
Engineers, Civil	14	7
Engineers, Consulting... ...	5	2
Engineers, Mining	1	1
Enginemen	6	4
Engravers, and Embossers ...	2	4
Errand Boys		106
Farmers...	2	4
Fellmongers		2
File Cutter		1
Firemen...	10	16
Fishmongers	6	2
Fitters	51	115
Foremen	21	17
French Polishers		3
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	10	12
Furniture-Brokers	1	1
Furriers...	3	2
Fuse Maker		1
Gardeners	5	10
Gas Inspectors	8	2
General Dealer		1
Glass Makers, Painters, and Stainers	5	4
Gold Beater	1	
Goldsmiths	5	2
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	78	82
Gun Makers		2
Hairdressers, and Perfumers ...	8	31
Hatters	9	2
Hawkers	2	1
Inspectors, and Superintendents	4	5
Iron Founders	5	6
Ironmongers	17	13
Japanner		1
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	21	25
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	79	105
Journalists	8	16
Labourers	42	47
Lamp Lighters...		2
Lath Renders	1	2
Law Writers	1	3
Lead Workers	4	
Leather Dressers	4	3
Librarians	3	9
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	23	22
Lithographers	3	8
Machinists	25	24
Managers	18	24
Manufacturers	31	9
Carried forward ...	1,606	3,070

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	1,606	3,070
Masons	27	20
Master Mariners	14	5
Mechanics	1	12
Medical Students		34
Merchants	125	26
Messengers	2	29
Metal Cleaners	1	1
Millers	9	6
Millwrights	3	3
Miners	9	5
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	24	45
Museum Keepers	1	2
Musicians	11	12
Nail Maker	1	
Newspaper Despatchers ...	1	3
Officers, Military	5	2
— Naval	2	2
Officers of H.M. Civil Service	2	
Officers of H.M. Customs ..	6	14
Officers of H.M. Inland Revenue	5	7
Opticians	4	3
Organ Builder	1	
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, etc.	50	62
Paviours...		4
Pawnbrokers	6	5
Pensioners, Army		2
Photographers	7	13
Pilot	1	
Plasterers	14	3
Platelayers	3	1
Platers	3	15
Plumbers	17	45
Police Officers	14	7
Porters	19	33
Post-office Officials	10	42
Potters	3	4
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	73	76
Professors of Music	10	3
Publishers	4	
Quarrymen	4	1
Railway Employees	39	25
Registrars	4	
Relieving Officer	1	
Restaurant Keepers	2	
Rivetters	11	9
Rope Makers	4	1
Saddlers...	5	6
Sailmaker	1	
Sailors	4	
Salesmen	15	24
Sawyers	2	3
Scholars		734
School Board Officers	6	2
School Inspectors	4	
Schoolmasters	18	26
Sculptor	1	
Secretaries	5	6
Ship Brokers	11	3
Ship Builder		1
Carried forward ...	2,231	4,457

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,231	4,457
Ship Owners	6	
Shipwrights	14	7
Shopkeepers	16	6
Shorthand Writers		4
Slaters	1	3
Smiths	38	55
Solicitors	25	10
Stevedores	3	3
Store, and Time Keepers ...	16	8
Students		66
Surveyors	7	15
Sweeps	3	1
Tailors, and Cutters	63	43
Tanners, and Curriers	6	6
Teachers	23	82
Telegraphists	14	61
Ticket-Writers		2
Tobacconists	12	15
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers...	4	4
Carried forward ...	2,482	4,848

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ...	2,482	4,848
Treasurer, City...	1	
Turners	25	30
Underwriters	2	
Vergers	2	
Veterinary Surgeons	3	
Waiters	8	9
Warehousemen	33	52
Watermen	4	3
Weavers	1	1
Wharfingers	1	2
Wheelwrights	2	3
Wherry Owner...	1	
Wire-Workers	3	4
No Occupation stated	149	359
Total Males	2,717	5,311
Total Females	189	3,849
	2,906	9,160
	12,066	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	1,261	500
From 15 to 20	1,878	1,170
From 21 to 30	1,428	1,038
From 31 to 40	333	396
Carried forward ...	4,900	3,104

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ...	4,900	3,104
From 41 to 50	121	168
From 51 to 60	64	55
From 61 to 80	40	57
Ages not stated	186	465
Total	5,311	3,849
	9,160	

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas' ..	62	146	208
St. John's	34	198	232
St. Andrew's North...	284	1,305	1,589
St. Andrew's South...	87	314	401
All Saints' East ...	342	1,313	1,655
All Saints' West ...	147	124	271
Westgate	419	1,353	1,772
Carried forward	1,375	4,753	6,128

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward	1,375	4,753	6,128
Elswick	812	2,090	2,902
Jesmond	202	786	988
Byker	76	331	407
Heaton	412	1,200	1,612
Non-resident Freemen	29	—	29
Total	2,906	9,160	12,066

TABLE IX.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY, DURING TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 25TH, 1891, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE OF ISSUE, THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN STOCK, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1890.														
March 26th, to 31st	31	52	149	86	128	173	10	9	164	102	29	831	5	166
April	130	170	380	509	544	568	71	22	461	145	158	3,013	24	126
May	285	143	473	451	536	413	37	13	520	273	99	2,970	26	114
June*	163	145	632	335	620	341	40	5	481	190	159	2,921	18	162
July	114	570	477	560	840	489	85	10	517	283	464	4,126	25	165
August	113	489	465	589	664	567	137	32	526	270	137	3,719	25	149
September	126	298	548	610	870	616	300	37	638	294	147	4,190	26	161
October	222	504	512	948	736	870	101	29	530	320	122	4,574	27	169
November	158	433	583	731	860	854	207	22	476	460	483	4,807	25	192
December	194	390	412	656	794	437	106	9	500	540	359	3,857	25	157
1891.														
January	130	394	419	1,171	703	856	98	44	603	496	317	4,735	25	189
February	190	463	471	890	505	666	109	16	737	510	403	4,450	24	182
March 1st, to 25th	96	292	588	900	345	425	138	11	323	555	504	3,622	21	172
Total Issue in each Class ...	1,952	4,343	6,109	8,436	8,145	7,275	1,439	259	6,476	4,438	3,381	52,253	296	182
Class Percentage of entire Issue..	3·74	8·31	11·69	16·15	15·59	13·92	2·76	0·49	12·39	8·49	6·47	100·00	...	...
Daily Average in each Class ...	7	15	21	28	27	25	5	1	22	15	11	182	...	...
Number of Volumes in Stock ...	2,073	5,122	2,639	2,561	2,762	2,563	1,172	550	8,156	4,393	3,970	35,961	...	...
Turn Over	0·94	0·85	2·31	3·29	2·95	2·84	1·23	0·47	0·79	1·01	0·85	1·45	...	...

* Library closed from June 23rd, to and including July 2nd, 1890, for Annual Stock-taking Cleaning, etc.

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	66	245
Actors, and Actresses	30	299
Agents	219	922
Analysts...	31	73
Apprentices	42	86
Architects	199	445
— Naval	18	98
Artists	90	461
Assistants, Shop	53	413
Auctioneers	5	24
Bakers, and Confectioners ...	9	20
Bankers...	13	160
Belt Makers	4	5
Blacksmiths	17	72
Boilersmiths	6	30
Bookbinders	14	52
Booksellers, and Stationers ...	54	301
Boot, and Shoe Makers ...	23	33
Brass Workers	35	75
Bricklayers	11	18
Broker	1	1
Builders, and Contractors ...	12	50
Butchers	8	16
Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers	42	80
Canvassers, and Collectors ...	9	16
Carvers, and Gilders	35	95
Cashiers	15	26
Checkers	3	5
Chemists, and Druggists ...	151	397
Clergymen, and Ministers ...	226	1,070
Clerks, and Book-keepers ...	1,334	3,533
Clerks of Works	11	12
Coach Builders, and Coach Painters	37	243
Coal Owner	1	9
Commercial Travellers ...	163	642
Consuls, Vice	9	28
Cooper	1	10
Coppersmith	1	2
Curriers, and Tanners... ...	4	20
Cutler	1	2
Dentists	15	37
Designers, and Carpet Planners	46	114
Drapers...	91	222
Draughtsmen	248	1,082
Dressmaker	1	1
Driller	1	1
Elocutionists	3	4
Engineers	875	3,345
— Civil	47	159
— Electrical	98	227
Carried forward ...	4,428	15,281

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ...	4,428	15,281
Engineers, Marine	2	9
— Mechanical	1	8
Engravers	33	55
Farmers	5	7
File Cutters	5	12
Firemen...	2	3
Fitters, and Turners	224	414
Foremen	8	29
Fruiterers, and Seedsmen ...	12	38
Gardeners	4	11
Genealogists	38	151
General Dealers	10	19
Glass Cutters	5	28
Glass Painters, and Stainers ...	13	48
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	56	438
Grooms	8	9
Hairdressers, and Perfumers ...	8	93
Hatters	7	9
Hawkers	7	10
Inspectors, and Superintendents	35	88
Ironfounders	10	17
Ironmongers	19	35
Jewellers, and Watchmakers ...	74	226
Joiners, and Carpenters ...	160	368
Journalists, and Reporters ...	202	1,111
Labourers	62	120
Lecturers	22	109
Librarians	64	237
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen	16	44
Lithographers	11	21
Machinists	30	49
Managers	30	158
Manufacturers	11	33
Masons	4	15
Mechanics	18	43
Medical Students	49	167
Merchants	91	609
Messengers	4	14
Millers	15	28
Miners	39	110
Missionaries, and Evangelists...	18	43
Moulders, and Pattern-Makers	23	55
Musicians	41	150
Officers, Military	19	98
— Naval	3	17
— of H.M. Civil Service ...	2	2
— of H.M. Customs	11	50
— of H.M. Inland Revenue ...	9	12
Painters, and Decorators ...	40	161
Paper Stainer	1	1
Carried forward ...	6,009	20,863

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No of Vols. consulted
Brought forward	6,009	20,863
Photographers	4	5
Plasterers	14	30
Platers	2	3
Plumbers	25	38
Policemen	2	3
Polisher...	1	1
Porters	3	3
Post-office Officials	11	18
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	108	499
Professors of Music	12	22
Railway Officials	8	18
Rivetter	1	5
Saddlers	3	3
Sailmaker	1	4
Sailors	19	52
Salesmen	8	18
Sawyers...	4	5
School Attendance Officer ...	1	4
Schoolmasters, and Schoolmistresses	145	731
Sculptors	19	24
Secretaries	21	101
Shipwrights	12	16
Shorthand Writers	12	27
Sinkmakers	4	24
Carried forward ...	6,446	22,517

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	6,446	22,517
Slater	1	1
Smiths	17	37
Soldiers	8	12
Solicitors	97	577
Store, and Time Keepers ...	3	5
Students	515	1,936
Surgeons	84	322
— Veterinary	7	23
Surveyors	17	52
Tailors, and Cutters	38	94
Teachers	513	2,097
Telegraphists	87	231
Ticket Writers	2	2
Tinsmiths	2	7
Tobacconists	3	9
Underwriters	15	58
Warders	2	29
Warehousemen	9	74
Weighmen	6	9
Whitesmiths	9	15
Wireworkers	8	18
Clergymen, and others using Thomlinson Library... ...	49	4,438
No Occupation stated	3,691	19,690
Total	11,632	52,253

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	1,904	5,097
From 21 to 30	2,870	8,080
From 31 to 40	1,208	3,815
From 41 to 50	497	1,687
From 51 to 60	167	849
Carried forward	6,646	19,528

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	6,646	19,528
From 61 to 80	217	748
Clergymen, and others using Thomlinson Library	49	4,438
Ages not stated... ...	4,720	27,539
Total	11,632	52,253

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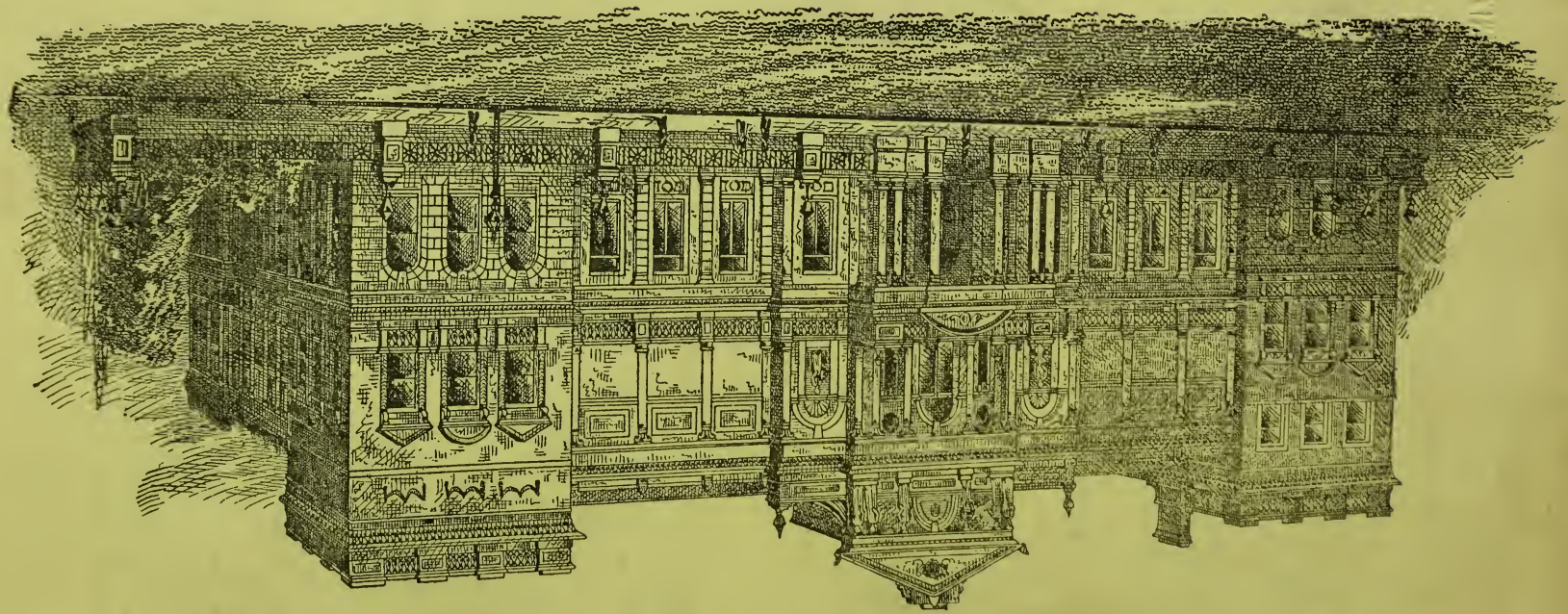

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